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"Quo fata vocant."

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Officer Commanding Depôt .. Chenevix-Trench, Major J. F., *D.S.O.* (*S.C.*), Northumberland Fusiliers 21/4/26

1st and 2nd Battalions (Regular).

Lt.-Colonels (2).

Kershaw, S. H., *D.S.O., p.s.c.* (2) 15/9/25
1/1/19
Herbert, W. N., *C.M.G., D.S.O., p.s.c.* (1) 23/11/25
1/1/18

Majors (8).

Foster, O.B., *M.C.* (*S.C.*) (1) (2) 8/1/16
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Platt, W., *D.S.O., p.s.c.* (1) *d.* 29/1/24
bt. lt.-col. 30/1/24
Critchley-Salmonson, R.E., *M.C.* (2) 15/4/25
3/6/18
Garnier, A. P., *M.B.E., M.C., p.s.c.* (l) *s.* 15/9/25
Chenevix-Trench, J. F., *D.S.O.* (S.C.) (1) 23/11/25
3/6/17
Baxter, E. H. (2) 7/5/26

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bt. maj. 3/6/17
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McClean, T. H., i.v. 14/2/27
Byrne, J. O., M.C., *c.o.* 14/2/27
Seth-Smith, K. A. (1) 14/2/27

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Alexander, R., M.M., *w.a.* 11/3/18
Prickett, F. C., O.B.E., M.C., *c.o.* 20/4/18
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Fryer, R. W. H., M.C., *t.* 24/10/19
Ingledew, H. A., s. 24/10/19
Humphreys, G. C. (2) *Adjt.* 20/12/20
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Beckwith, C. E. (1) 14/7/23
Tarleton, B. (2) 23/12/23
Bucknall, D. C. (2) 8/7/24
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Bolster, G. H. (*l*) (1) 1/2/25
Bland, T. E., c.o. 1/2/25
Jones, W. P., c.o. 30/8/25
Yorke, R. H. (1) 30/8/25
Collingwood, A. C. (2) 31/1/26
Macmullen, M. N. E. (1) 31/1/26
Flower, H. S. (2) 27/8/26

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Lieutenants—contd.

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Kingstone, J. A. C., c.o. 18/12/26
Parsons, F. G. A. (1) 29/1/27
Surtees, R. S. (2) 29/1/27
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2nd-Lieutenants.

Stockley, R. C. (1) 4/2/26
Leech, B. J. (2) 4/2/26
Foster, K. O. N. (2) 4/2/26
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Laing, W. D. F. (1) 30/8/26
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Speer, M. C. (1) 1/9/27
Lean, J. E. (2) 1/9/27

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Humphreys, G. C., *lt.* (2) 5/9/25
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Myers, W., *M.C., D.C.M.* (1) 1/5/17
capt. 1/5/25
Maynard, J. H., *d.* (2) 18/4/19
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31/3/18
capt. 31/3/26

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Newburn.

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*Foster, A. J., C.M.G., C.B.E. (*Hon. Capt. in Army*) 6/5/22

Lt.-Colonel.

*Cruddas, B., *D.S.O.* (*Lt.-Col. Res. of Off.*) *t.a.* 27/5/27

Major.

*Bradley, G. L. 27/5/27

Captains.

*Hare, A. B., *M.C.* 22/9/17
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*Gibson, W. M., *M.C.* 27/5/27

Lieutenants.

McLellan, A. 9/9/24
Clark, J. 1/11/24
Todd, J. M. 10/1/25

2nd-Lieutenants.

*Peters, O. A. 1/4/25
Smith, G. B. 14/4/25
Bennett, C. D. 6/3/26
Neville, J. C. 22/9/26
*Boss, L. P. 19/4/27
Beall, H. H. 20/4/27
Davison, J. A. 12/10/27

Adjutant.

*Fryer, R. W. H., *M.C.*, Lt., North'd. Fus. (*temp. Capt. T.A.* 29/9/26) 29/9/26

Quartermaster.

*Watson, W., *M.C.*, *capt.* (*Capt. ret. pay*) (*Res. of Off.*) 5/5/20

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5th Battalion (Territorial).

Drill Hall, Walker-on-Tyne.

Hon. Colonel.

Lt.-Colonel.

*Anderson, W., *D.S.O.*, *M.C.*, *t.a.* 22/2/26

Major.

*Peatfield, B., *M.C.* 1/4/27

Captains.

*Leete, W. H., *D.F.C.* 18/7/18
*Carlile, T. A. 9/2/24
*Herdman, T. A. 30/4/25
Phillips, F. H. 6/11/26
Stanley, G. M. I. 4/5/27

Lieutenants.

*Rooksby, R. H. 1/11/25
Rowe, D. E. (*Lt. Res. of Off.*) 24/4/27
Spencer, A. C. 4/5/27
Vardy, E. C. 13/5/27

2nd-Lieutenants.

Davidson, H. H. 12/9/24
Giles, N. R. 9/11/25
Ogden, J. M. 10/1/27
Ridley, R. A. 26/1/27
Besley, C. R. I. 25/3/27
Douthwaite, T. N. 1/4/27
Stephenson, J. C. 1/4/27

Adjutant.

*Newstead, B. R., *D.S.O.*, *M.C.*, Capt. North'd. Fus. 3/10/27

Quartermaster.

*Thompson, E. W., *capt.* 1/5/20
14/2/15

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6th Battalion (Territorial).

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St. Mary's Place,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Hon. Colonel.

*Northumberland, The Duke of, K.G., C.B.E., M.V.O., *t.a.* 30/8/17

Lt.-Colonel.

*Rogers, A. D. S., *T.D.*, *t.a.* 29/3/24

Major.

*Wilkinson, G. E., *M.C.* 18/5/20

Captains.

*Bell, G. F. 1/6/16
*Dawson, F., *M.C.* (Q) 30/12/16
Parmeter, T. P. 25/11/20
*Rutherford, D. D., *M.C.* 26/5/26
*Carrick, C. B., *M.C.* 15/12/26

Lieutenants.

Graham, C. S. 13/1/22
Criddle, H. J. M. L. 4/4/26
France, G. L. A. 11/12/26
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Field, A. H. M. 17/12/26
Gillespie, C. B. 18/12/26

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Potter, R. 13/4/26
Pearey, W. H. 23/4/26
Crisp, J. A. 27/10/26
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Adjutant.

*Leese, J. T., Capt. N. Stafford Regt. 11/1/24

Quartermaster.

*Ousman, W. G., *lt.* 31/10/25

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7th Battalion (Territorial).

Drill Hall, Fenkle Street, Alnwick.

Hon. Colonel.

*Northumberland, The Duke of, K.G., C.B.E., M.V.O., *t.a.* 15/5/18

Lt.-Colonel.

*Robson, *Hon.* H. B., *t.a.* 16/2/27

Major.

*Cowen, F. B., *M.C.* 21/11/25

Captains.

*Watson, E. H. (Q) 9/7/20
*Todd, A. J. K. 8/12/26
*Carr-Ellison, J. C. (*Lt. Res. of Off.*) 23/12/26
*Gallon, S. H. 4/10/27
Potts, W. C. W. 5/10/27

Lieutenants.

*Dargie, W. H., *M.C.* 3/6/20
*Clay, F. W. 3/11/20
Moscrop, D. W. 19/6/26
Fuller, W. E. R. 11/10/26
Brown, V. W. 4/2/27
Grey, E. C. 24/9/27
17/1/24

2nd-Lieutenants.

Robson, M. 4/12/24
Simpson, J. F. 12/5/26
Sanderson, W. S. 5/6/26
Fawcus, J. 9/6/26
*Moore, J. S. 18/5/27
Middlemas, R. J. 7/9/27
11/4/27

Adjutant.

*Trenam, R., *M.B.E.*, *M.C.*, Capt. North'd. Fus. 5/12/25

Quartermaster.

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North'd. Fus.—Major L. Permain (dated 17th December, 1927).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

6th Bn.—Capt. J. T. Leese, N. Stafford Regt., vacates the appointment of Adjutant (dated 1st January, 1928).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

5th Bn.—Lieut. R. H. Rooksby, from Active List, to be Captain (dated 18th January, 1928).

6th Bn.—Lieut. H. J. M. L. Criddle, from Active List, to be Lieutenant (dated 11th January, 1928).

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,

January, 1928.

WE take this opportunity of wishing all past and present members of the Regiment, and all our friends, a Happy New Year, and we also hope, in spite of our martial ardour, that it will be a year of Peace, and that the prophecies of the Pyramids and of the Anglo-Israelites regarding an eight years' war, beginning in May, will be confounded.

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The month of December was chiefly noted for a sudden "leave rush"—most of the N.C.O.'s went, and a large number of Officers, most of the latter armed with a book named "Wellington," selected for our study. We hope it isn't true that the Lost Property Offices of the railway companies of Great Britain have reported a steady collection of these volumes.

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Christmas Day began with a Church Parade, followed by dinners, which the Officers present in camp visited *en bloc* for the purposes of ensuring that all were happy, and the drinking of healths and the wishings of luck ; some then slept awhile, in preparation for the evening's amusements.

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The following dined in Mess in the evening :—Colonel and Mrs. Herbert, Capt. and Mrs. Powell, Capt. and Mrs. Seth-Smith, Capt. and Mrs. Myers, Major Chenevix-Trench, Major Harris (our Medical Officer), Capt. Lindsey, and Messrs. Kilgour, Beckwith, Macmullen, Parsons, Sperling and Speer. We regret that Mrs. Harris was unable to be present owing to indisposition. After an excellent dinner, various games were played and everyone enjoyed themselves.

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A large number of cards, letters and telegrams of greeting were received from past and present members and friends of the Regiment, including His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Major-General Sir P. Wilkinson, Major-General Pilcher, Major-General Ready and the Officers, Northern Ireland District, Brigadier-General Yatman, Air Commodore Bonham-Carter, Colonels Sapte, Heard, Enderby, Sommerville, Hardman-Jones, Gordon, Maude, Temperley, Leverson and Braithwaite, Mrs. Hart-Dyke, and many others.

Mr. Kilgour departed on the 15th January, *en route* to the Small Arms School, Hythe, where he will teach the ignorant and refresh the wise for awhile. We shall miss him much, both in the Mess and in the domain of sport ; but "our what-not is Hythe's so-on," or words to that effect—(the words "loss" and "gain" savour too much of commerce for a military magazine, and also remind the writer of such nightmares as Company Accounts and Audit Boards). We wish him the best of luck, and feel sure that the near-by glitter of Folkestone won't lure him away from the sports of the open fields.

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Captain Pemberton has returned, having successfully defeated the examiners at the Small Arms School. We hear that Mr. Clarke did likewise ; he is now resting, on leave, and no doubt preparing to upset his Company's Individual Training programme next month by such things as "Oh ! no, they don't teach that at Hythe now" ; "Hythe teach that you should 'withdraw' the cocking-handle—*not* 'pull-back'" ; and so on, and so on. Well, well!

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Our total game bag up to the 19th January was 631, an increase of 385 since 1st November, 1927. The total bag for the season 1926–7 was 442. Captain Powell has accounted for at least one-sixth of the total. This persistent and deadly "gun-man" can be seen almost any day between 2 p.m. and 4.30 p.m., sometimes earlier, motoring from bog to bog throughout County Down, accompanied by the famous Victor, and the discharges of the gun alternate with the thrashings of the Victor, who vies with his master in the swift pursuit of the bird—and four canine legs are generally quicker than two human ones, but the sound of curses travels quicker than any of them.

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The climate has been competing with the Principles of War, inasmuch as it never seems to change—it even beats these Principles, as its application never seems to change either. Gales have buffetted us continuously, and the co-operation, mobility, economy of force (seemingly endless supply of this factor), concentration, offensive action, and maintenance of the objective, is surprising, and we can take no counter-action—the elements are secure.

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During the next two months the Inter-Company Rugby, Hockey, Cross-Country, Boxing and Tug-of-War take place, and the Northern Ireland District Boxing Championships are fought next month. Training for this latter has started, and we hope to do well.

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Elsewhere will be found a photograph of the Northern Ireland District Cups won by the Battalion last year—a goodly display which we hope to increase this year.

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We beat the Royal Ulster Constabulary at Association Football, on the 17th January, by 5 goals to 1, after a very good game.

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Capt. Scanlon has returned after a long sojourn in Germany, and has been posted to "Y" Company.

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We must count ourselves lucky in not having been stopped hunting for more than a week on account of snow and frost,

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We are glad to see Colonel Herbert out once again, the strain to his riding muscles having departed—not to return, we trust.

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On Boxing Day, although there had been some 8 degrees of frost, the Harriers met at Ballybranagh, where a large crowd of holiday-makers had collected. Needless to say, in spite of several hares being found, a poor day's sport ensued, scent being almost non-existent and the ground too hard for jumping. Since the New Year, however, we have had some excellent sport, especially with the Co. Down Staghounds. It is a pity so many of us are on leave; however we hope the absentees are amusing themselves, and some, perhaps, are hunting in England.

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Meets have been held as follows :—

January 5th.—County Down Staghounds, at Buckshead (10 miles); 4 Officers out. A good run of about one hour, the first 20 minutes being quite fast. Leaving Leaforde Park on the right, hounds ran through "Highlands," the deer finally taken in a bog near Tullymurry, and was unfortunately killed before the hounds could be whipped off.

NORTHERN IRELAND DISTRICT CUPS, ETC.

Back.—The Kilworth Shield (Army Rifle Meeting).
Back Row.—Inter-Unit Boxing Championship. Cross-Country Cup. Three Miles Championship (Lce.-Cpl. Latimer). Athletic Team Championship Cup.
Front Row.—Relay Race Challenge Cup. A.R.A. All-Comers (Sjt. Irwin). Long Jump (Fus. Irwin). 100 Yards Challenge Cup (Lieut. Kilgour). Cricket Cup.

January 9th.—East Down Harriers at Ballyhosser (9 miles); 2 Officers out. A hare was soon found and gave an excellent hunt of 30 minutes. Scent failed for the rest of the day.

January 12th.—County Down Draghounds at Glasswater Bridge (13 miles); 4 Officers out. A stag was enlarged which proceeded to run in small circles until finally taken some hundred yards from where she had been enlarged.

January 14th.—County Down Staghounds at Drumcaw (6 miles); 3 Officers out. A good run of 1 hour and 30 minutes when scent piled on the upper reaches of the Roneycaragh.

January 16th.—East Down Harriers at Ballynoe (4½ miles); 4 Officers out. The best day of the season, several hares being hunted over nice lines of country at a good pace, but no kill took place.

January 19th.—County Down Staghounds at Ballyalton (10 miles); 3 Officers out. A deer was enlarged and ran in the direction of Ballymurry, then turning left-handed and made a straight line to Strangford Lough. Hounds were successfully whipped off, and the deer left the water and ran into Strangford village, where he was taken. A six miles point and a really good hunt of about 45 minutes over a good line of country, although "ploughs" were rather numerous.

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The following N.C.O.'s and men have been transferred to the Reserve during the last six weeks or so :—Cpls. Russell, Sharpe and Tingey; Lce.-Cpls. Applegate, Graham, Crudgington, and Wheller; Fusiliers Ruskin, Atkinson, George, Ball, Graham, Nicholls, Swan, Malton, Roberts, Cokeley, Weston, Brett, Wilson, Pletts, Baker, McKnight, Mitchell, Scurr, Turner and Morrison; Drmrs. Whitlock and Southam.

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The following have been invalided out of the Service :—Lce.-Cpl. Medwell; Fusiliers Farrell and Kennedy.

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We wish them all the best of luck.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

The following promotions and appointments have been made during the month of December, 1927 :—

No. 7211379 Sjt. F. Reaney, promoted Colour-Serjeant and appointed Company Quartermaster-Serjeant, *vice* Lewis to Depôt.

No. 4256428 Cpl. F. Hackett, appointed Paid Lance-Serjeant, *vice* W. R. E. Brown to Supernumerary List.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Our activities are still much curtailed owing to the bad weather, or as the wireless bulletins report, depression over Ireland.

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This seems to be always the situation, and it certainly is always the weather.

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Still, it is a very nice place in the summer, so they say.

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Life has been so peaceful that the Old 'Uns and the Young 'Uns have only managed to try conclusions at "snooker."

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The result was victory for the young bloods by "22" points.

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We have also managed to dispose of our return fixture with the Corporals, and strange to say we reversed the previous decision and won by 43 points.

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Both teams underwent changes owing to leave and other reasons.

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One feature of this contest was the great recovery of the Serjeant-Major in his game against Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart.

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Two games have been played in the Billiards League, resulting in one win and one defeat.

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The complete fixtures will, it is hoped, be available for publication in the next issue, also the final placings in the League.

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The results of the Whist Drives played during this period are as follows :—

	LADIES.	GENTLEMEN.
27/12/27	1, Mrs. Rowsell	1, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff
	2, Mrs. Humphries	2, Bandmaster Windram
4/1/28	1, Mrs. Ratliff	1, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff
	2, Mrs. Speed	2, Sjt. Speed
11/1/28	1, Mrs. Wixon	1, S/Sjt. Brown
	2, Miss McGowan	2, W.O. Tuppen
18/1/28	1, Mrs. Carlin	1, S/Sjt. Brown
	2, Miss Cox	2, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff

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The exigencies of the Service have removed two of our Games Committee during the month.

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Sjt. Hurt has gone to the 5th Bn. Permanent Staff, and Sjt. Chapman to the Depôt.

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Our best wishes go with them.

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We shall miss the former when the gardening season comes along. And what about the radishes and the watering-can ?

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The latter will be a miss in the Rugger Team of the Battalion, and from the Whist Drives and Dances where his chubby face was so often in evidence.

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Hearty congratulations to Sjt. Reaney on his promotion to Colour-Serjeant.

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We welcome Sjts. Haddon and Kirby from the Depôt, Sjt. Holmes from the 2nd Bn., and Lce.-Sjt. Hackett, who has joined us on appointment.

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A new organisation has sprung up in our midst—to wit, the " Ex-Boys."

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Their present strength in the Mess is 10. They are earnestly scouting round for another, so that they can complete a team for soccer, etc., etc.

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Their first appearance as a team is to be against the 18 Wallahs, on the green cloth.

This match was played off on Tuesday, 24th January, and the result was as follows :—

EX-SERVICE BOYS.		OLD SOLDIERS.	
Sjt. Locke	87	Sjt. Irwin	100
R.S.M. Rowsell ..	93	Sjt. Gibbons	100
Bandmaster Windram	90	R.Q.M.S. Capstaff ..	100
C.Q.M.S. Ludford ..	100	Sjt. Murphy	74
Sjt. Gossage	100	C.S.M. Ratliff	64
Drum-Major Hebbron	80	Sjt. Hobbs	100
C.S.M. Carlin	74	O.R. Q.M.S. Gale ..	100
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CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

The Club is rather quiet just now, as all the " big noises " have gone on leave.

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There is still one " big noise " left, however, namely " Bill," who has just taken on for another year because he did not want to leave the old FIFTH in the lurch.

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Cpls. Annison and Maddix have left us for a tour of duty at the Depôt, and we wish them the best of luck. Although we did not want to lose them, we can console ourselves with " Haddicks' " remark, " The recruits will be all the better for his going to the Depôt."

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Lce.-Cpls. Applegate, Graham and Fairhurst have left us, the first two for the A.R., and " Frank " on a month's leave prior to going to Sandhurst.

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We wish them the best of luck in their new spheres of life, and cannot help regretting their departure.

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Lce.-Cpls. McHale and Gray have returned from their respective Courses, and we must congratulate them on doing so well.

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We had a visit during the month from Cpl. Smart, who came over with his squad. He was looking remarkably well.

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Congratulations are extended to Sjt. Hackett on his promotion.

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We had our return billiards match with the Serjeants, but they had their revenge this time, but not by as many points as we beat them by.

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Several things put our players off their game—*i.e.*, the smaller table, no obstacles, Sjt. Locke talked his opponent off his game.

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Our good friend, Sjt. Hobbs, got his gathering shots going and consequently won.

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During the month we ran another Billiards Handicap. It terminated in a good game between Cpls. Ross and Annison.

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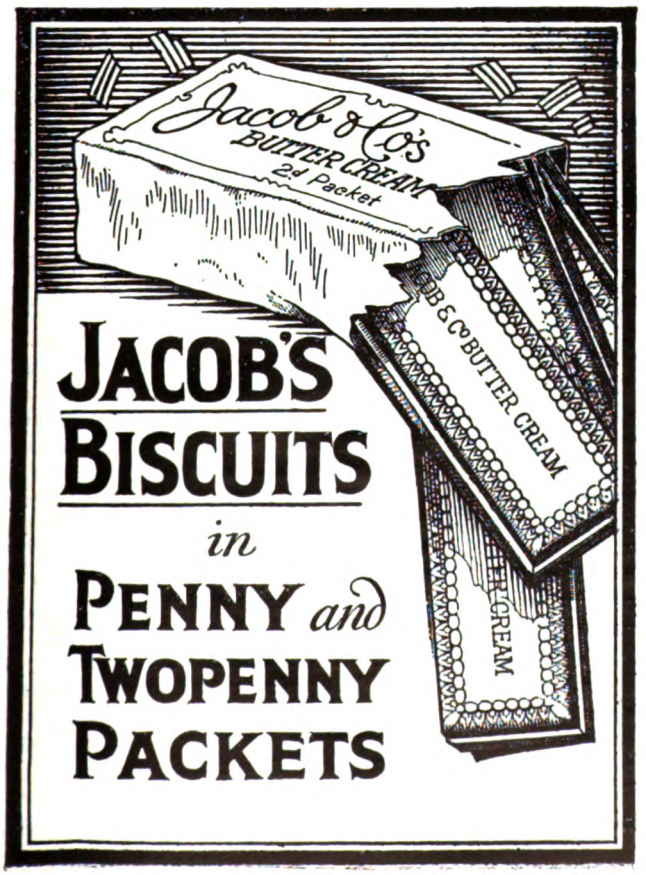

JACOB'S BISCUITS

in

PENNY *and* **TWOPENNY PACKETS**

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The actual scores of the games are given below :—

First round.

Lce.-Cpl. Leahy		Cpl. Annison	150
Lce.-Cpl. Young	scratched	Lce.-Cpl. Theakston ..	60
Lce.-Cpl. Burgon ..	150	Lce.-Cpl. Smart ..	150
Cpl. Pyle	127	Lce.-Cpl. Pennock ..	96
Cpl. Ross	150	Lce.-Cpl. E. Morton ..	bye
Cpl. Obey	139		
		Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara ..	150
Cpl. Ross (11)	150	Lce.-Cpl. Frazer ..	146
Cpl. Walton	108		
		Cpl. Morgan	bye
Cpl. Graham	150	Lce.-Cpl. Muschalli ..	bye
Lce.-Cpl. Humphreys ..	96	Lce.-Cpl. Anderson ..	bye
Cpl. Higgins	bye	Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart ..	150
		Lce.-Cpl. Hulse ..	147
Lce.-Cpl. Graham ..	150		
Lce.-Cpl. Nicholson ..	128	Lce.-Cpl. Hird	bye

Second round.

Lce.-Cpl. Anderson ..	150	Lce.-Cpl. E. Horton ..	150
Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara ..	77	Cpl. Higgins	113
Cpl. Annison	150	Lce.-Cpl. Smart ..	150
Lce.-Cpl. Leahy ..	87	Lce.-Cpl. Burgon ..	83
Cpl. Ross		Cpl. Morgan	150
Lce.-Cpl. Graham	scratched	Lce.-Cpl. Muschalli ..	74
Cpl. Ross (11)	150	Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart ..	150
Lce.-Cpl. Hird	128	Cpl. Graham	132

Third round.

Lce.-Cpl. Anderson ..	150	Lce.-Cpl. Morton ..	150
Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart ..	105	Cpl. Morgan	115
Cpl. Ross		Cpl. Annison	150
Cpl. Ross (11)		Lce.-Cpl. Smart ..	116

Semi-Finals.

Cpl. Annison		Cpl. Ross	200
Lce.-Cpl. Anderson	(on leave)	Lce.-Cpl. Morton ..	150

Final.

Cpl. Ross	250
Cpl. Annison	166

Winner .. ..Cpl. Ross

"GEORGE."

LIFE IN BALLYKINLAR.

SECOND EPISODE.

Seasons come and seasons go, but winter prevails forever in our little one-house town, and surely it must be a town when it is shown in four places on the map. Should one be lucky enough, there may be one summer's day, but that day may come during the night, as it did during the period England enjoyed summer last year, consequently you may grow grey whilst waiting for it.

Bill, Joe and myself were particularly fortunate this year, for we had tuned ourselves to a real bad habit—that of rising early in the morning. Possibly you have heard many people say it is very easy to get up in the morning, but you will invariably notice that these people who talk are late risers. They will tell you, you have only to make the resolution, and the thing is done. This may be very true : just as an aeronaut with a parachute and a falling 'plane to stand on has only to jump and the thing is done.

Bill had no difficulty in making the resolve and arising each morning ; but Joe and I must be made of very different stuff, for we resolved but did not arise, and Joe was caused to awake us, not once but many times.

Our first conversation of the day—that is omitting the first few grunts—was invariably the same each morning :—

"Gee ! Bill, it's cold this morning, is it not ? "

"Well, it is, a bit ! " Bill would croak, hesitatingly.

"But you are quite blue, Bill : it must be very cold outside."

"Oh ! come on out of it," Bill would retort, "you make a fellow cold—lying there."

"Righto ! " I would reply. "I'll be out in a jiffy ; go and hank Joe out of it."

I would then let my mind wander over the things I would have to do should I quit my recumbent position, for it must be a poor mind that cannot entertain its possessor with its own thoughts when laid between some warm Army blankets. Inquiries of one's inner self, of the reasons for and against the act of rising ; remembrances of yesterday's visit to the third tap on the left in the ablution room—supposedly the warmest and, last of all, thoughts of a razor held with cold, aching fingers, how entirely different these thoughts from the sensations we now enjoy ! I become resolved to cling closer to my blankets, to again bask in the sleep of bliss ; but I have only just formed this resolution, only just cast away the thoughts of those stern realities, and settled, nice and cosy, when ——

"Out of it, you lazy blighter!" and Bill, with his horrible, uncouth voice, disturbs all my blissful dreams, and before I have time to frame a reply I am sprawling on the cold hard floor.

"Come on!" says Bill, "it's nearly five o'clock," and in the same breath continues, "You're a nice one, you are ; Joe's ready and coming round. Are you coming?"

I look around and finally determine to get ready and go, wherever he wills. My blankets still cling to me, but the cold underneath causes them to lose their attraction, for now that I am up they look poor things. I reach for my socks and trousers and gingerly push first one foot then the other, then pull on a pair of shoes, then—then I have a struggle, I feel my chin, should I or should I not—finally I take only towel and soap to number three tap. Arriving there, my indecision reasserts itself, but eventually I convene a lather and the worst is over. My two friends, the whole cause of this story, are impatiently awaiting me, and we set off on our morning ramble.

We each carry a bag—Bill knows the reason, I have not yet determined. On we went, Bill grousing that we should have been out an hour earlier, that the tide would be in, that breakfast would be over before we could get back, and generally complaining of the unstapleness of his companions.

We had a good many of these expeditions, and on one occasion we actually found fifty mussels, for mussels, my dear readers,

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was the real object of these hazardous exploits, and but for our zeal in seeking for mussels we would never have known and seen that summer did come to Ballykinlar.

Although we have told our story of how we got up early in the morning and discovered the tail-end of a summer day, there are few who will believe us; and now that we are old and have discovered that it was foolish to rise with the lark, "and that we suffered for it all the long hours after in listlessnes and headaches," it is improbable that we shall see another summer day in Ballykinlar.

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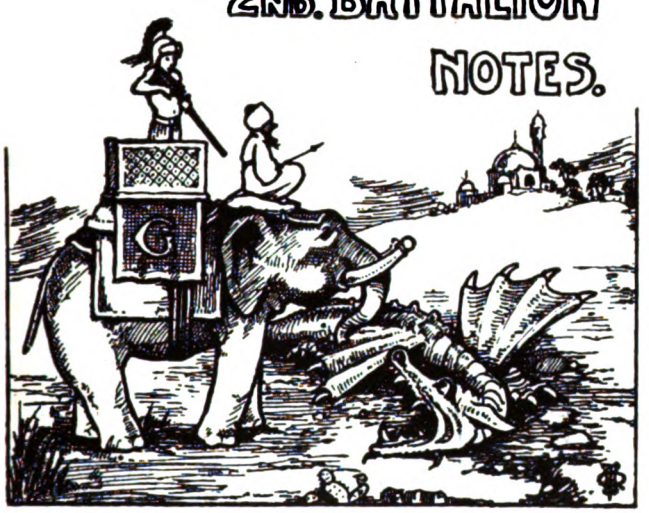
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



NOWSHERA,

January, 1928.

OUR second Christmas in Nowshera has been a very pleasant one, in spite of the rush of work.

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Our Christmas week has not been conspicuous for its holidays, training and camp preparations, and arrivals and departures of drafts have kept us busy; but we have found time to enjoy ourselves, nevertheless.

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Each Company and Headquarter Wing held its own Christmas Dance and Whist Drive, and everyone was a success.

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The Christmas Day Church Service was, as usual, remarkable for the rendering by the Drums, of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Stirred by the roll of the drums, the congregation made the welkin ring with its singing. Indeed, it is rumoured that the Chaplain is thinking of forming an Officers' Choir, with Mr. Flower, Mr. Surtees and Mr. Humphreys as a nucleus.

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The usual Christmas Tree Party was provided for the children of the Regiment, and a very successful and amusing Concert was organised for them as well. Lce.-Cpl. Meggs was as great a success as usual, with his Punch and Judy Show. We would like to see the man who is a better showman: we doubt if he exists.

During December, or late November, Nowshera held its annual "Week." Two or three dances, golf and tennis tournaments, and a very successful and well-run mounted gymkhana were held; also a two-chukker polo tournament. The Regiment entered one and a half teams for this, but both were beaten in the first round. One team was composed of Mr. Tarleton (1), Mr. Surtees (2), Mr. Humphreys (3), and Mr. Grimley back, with a total local handicap of 12. This team met the 89th Battery and conceded them 5 goals on handicap: unfortunately, out of about 12 shots at goal only 2 went through, and our team lost by 2 goals to 5.

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The other team was composed of Mr. Bradford (1), Mr. Carkeet James, R.A. (2), Major Pemberton, I.A. (3), and Mr. Earle back, with a total local handicap of 3. This team lost by a narrow margin of goals.

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We have been successful in the first round of both the district football and the district hockey tournament, beating "E" Battery R.H.A., in the former, and the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in the latter. We hope to append separate accounts of these matches.

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Cricket has been rather confined to Garrison matches, but we have been well represented in most of these.

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On the 23rd, a draft of 201 arrived from England, and we are glad to see what well set-up men they are. We wish them all a very happy time in the Battalion.

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We were very pleased to welcome Major and Mrs. Booth and Captain and Mrs. Waight on the same day. We hope they will not find Nowshera such a bad place after all. Captain Waight will, of course, find familiar faces in the Battalion, but not so many as one could wish.

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Our Christmas Day was, in some measure, marred by the knowledge that Major Foster and Mr. Maynard were leaving us the next day. Both of them have served us in this Battalion since 1919, and it will take us some time to realise that they will not work or play with us for some years to come. We wish them both the very best of good fortune in the future, and we venture to express our sorrow at Mrs. Maynard's departure; we shall all miss her unfailing good humour and her open-handed hospitality.

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We have recently been amazed by the news that we are to move to Lahore next trooping season.

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We congratulate Mr. Murdoch on his excellent educational results. Out of 43 entries for Second Class Examination 42 were successful, and out of 12 entries for the First Class Examination 10 were successful, one re-examine in English, and one failure.

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His unremitting efforts have been justly rewarded, and we also congratulate the successful candidates who took the trouble to benefit by Mr. Murdoch's able coaching.

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Camp this year is to be at Walai, but only for twelve days, though these, no doubt, will be strenuous.

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INTER-COMPANY BOXING.

The Annual Inter-Company Boxing Tournament for the "Sandal" Cup, was held on the nights of 28th and 29th November.

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It provided us with two evenings of excellent sport, and, as usual, our boxers gave of their best.

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Among those present on the night of the Finals were :—the Brigade Commander, Col. D. E. Robertson, D.S.O., Officers of the Royal Air Force and Royal Artillery.

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"B" Company eventually became the winners by a majority of 6 points over "D" Company, and must be congratulated on having won the trophy for the third time during the past four years.

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At the conclusion of the tournament, the Brigade Commander presented the Cup to the winning team, also Cups to the winners of individual weights and runners-up.

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The presiding Officials throughout the tournament were :—

Referees.—Capt. R. Edgeworth-Johnstone and Capt. F. Shearburn, I.A.S.C.

Judges.—Mr. W. R. M. Clifford, Mr. R. G. C. Poole, K.O.Y.L.I., and Mr. K. O N. Foster.

Timekeeper.—Capt. G. Chipper, M.C.

M.C.—R.S.M. G. E. Brockelsby, D.C.M.

Stewards.—Sjt. J. Ashton and Cpl. S. Bolton.

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RESULTS.

First night.

Feather-Weight (*1st Series*).

Fus. Frazer beat Forrest in the third round, the latter sustaining a nasty injury to the head through falling out of the Ring.

Lce.-Cpl. Hawkins gained a point's verdict over Fus. O'Rourke.

Fus. Buttery lost to Fus. Wright.

Fus. Burlace administered the k.o. to Fus. Wynn in the second round.

Bantam-Weight (*1st Series*).

Fus. McRae k.o. Fus. Carney in the second round.

Fus. Proctor beat Fus. Davis on points.

Catch-Weight (*1st Series*).

Fus. Hayton (a finalist in the recent All-India Individual Competition) was far too good for Fus. Peacock, who was k.o. in the opening round.

Lce.-Cpl. Throssell beat Fus. Crinson on points.

Light-Weight (*1st Series*).

Fus. Cross k.o. Cpl. Punton in the second round.

Fus. Wright k.o. Fus. Simmons in the second round.

Fus. Graham k.o. Wilkes in the second round.

Fus. Bennett beat Lce.-Cpl. Turner on points,

Middle-Weight (*1st Series*).

Fus. Murphy (an All-India finalist) disposed of Fus. Black in the first round.

Fus. Wilson beat Fus. Scott on points.

Welter-Weight (*1st Series*).

Fus. Catterick k.o. Fus. Osgood in the opening round.

Lce.-Cpl. Bennett k.o. Fus. Ware in the second round.

Lce.-Cpl. Shotton gained a point's verdict over Lce.-Cpl. Wilson.

Fus. Smith beat Sjt. Fairley in the first round, the Referee intervening and saving the Serjeant from a most obvious k.o.

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This was the last fight of the evening, and at this stage the points were :—

"A" Company	.. ..	14
"B" Company	.. ..	17
"C" Company	.. ..	11
"D" Company	.. ..	12

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Second night.

Feather-Weight (*Semi-Finals*).

Lce.-Cpl. Hawkins *v.* Fus. Fraser. This was a good fight, both men opening well. Points were even at the conclusion of the first round. The second and third rounds went to Hawkins, who ran out the winner on points.

Fus. Wright *v.* Fus. Burlace. Heavy blows were exchanged during the first meeting. Throughout the remaining rounds Burlace made the mistake of swinging his blows, leaving himself open and allowing Wright to score frequently. Wright won on points.

(*Final.*) Hawkins and Wright were well matched, and during the second round some well-timed blows were registered by both men. During the final round Hawkins did most of the attacking and gained a point's verdict.

Bantam-Weight (*Semi-finals*).

Lce.-Cpl. A'Hern *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Johnson. There was little to choose between the pair, and throughout the three rounds both scored frequently. A'Hern won by a very narrow margin of points.

Fus. McRae *v.* Fus. Proctor. McRae attacked persistently, and Proctor was forced to rely on defence. Proctor allowed his opponent to score on several occasions and failed to reply. McRae won on points.

(*Final.*) McRae had the situation well in hand from the first gong sounding. A'Hern seemed to tire quickly, and was heavily punished during the second and third rounds. A very good fight, which McRae won on points over a very plucky loser.

Catch-Weight (*Semi-finals*).

Fus. Melvin *v.* Fus. Watson. Watson was quick and succeeded in landing some heavy blows, which, however, seemed to have little effect on Melvin. Both men strove hard to register a k.o.. Watson avoided smashing blows which Melvin repeatedly aimed, and used both hands to advantage. Watson won on points,

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Fus. Hayton *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Throssell. Throssell was k.o. by a left to the point in the first round.

(*Final.*) Hayton was intent on finishing the fight quickly and disposed of Watson by the k.o. route in the first minute.

Light-Weight (*Semi-finals*).

Fus. Cross *v.* Fus. N. Wright. Cross k.o. his man in the opening round.

Fus. Bennett *v.* Fus. Graham. Both men boxed steadily and scored equal points during the three rounds. On the final gong sounding the Referee decided on an extra round of one minute—this was a spirited affair, Bennett getting slightly the better of the exchanges and winning by a narrow margin of points.

(*Final.*) Cross, a much experienced boxer, got in several stinging blows during the first round, which shook Bennett considerably. In the second round Cross landed a smart right to the solar plexis, which finished the fight.

Welter-Weight (*Semi-finals*).

Fus. Catterick *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Barrett. Catterick weakened his man by a succession of blows to the point, and k.o. Barrett in the first round.

Lce.-Cpl. Shotton *v.* Fus. Smith. Shotton boxed well and outpointed Smith in each round.

(*Final.*) Catterick proved too good for Shotton, whom he k.o. in the first round.

Middle-Weight (*Semi-finals*).

Fus. Laverick *v.* Fus. Coxon. Laverick k.o. his opponent in the opening round.

Fus. Murphy *v.* Fus. Wilson. Wilson pluckily stood up to Murphy and took a great deal of punishment during the first round. In the second round Murphy got in a heavy right to the point, which put Wilson down for the full count.

(*Final.*) Laverick must be congratulated on putting up a splendid fight with Murphy, who is a boxer of experience. In the first round Murphy scored frequently and shook Laverick with some stinging blows to the point. The second round found Laverick entirely on the defensive side. In the final round Laverick landed a smart blow to the point, this roused Murphy, who forced his man to the ropes and got in a terrific right upper-cut which floored Laverick. In falling, Laverick's head came into violent contact with the boards, and this rendered him unconscious; he was removed to hospital, but happily was only detained there until the following morning.

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On totalling points at the conclusion of the tournament, it was found that "A" and "C" Companies were tying for 3rd place. This was fought off, "A" Company being represented by Fus. Briggs and "C" Company by Fus. Graham. It was a very spirited contest, and the end of the second round found the points even. Graham had the better of the exchanges in the final round, and received a point's verdict.

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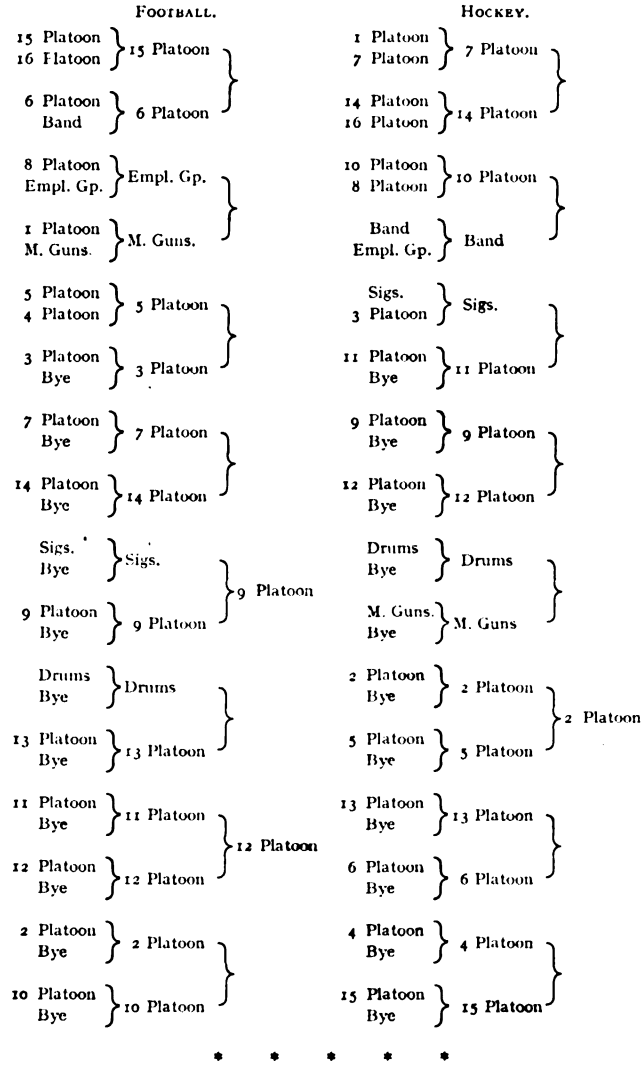
Final points were :—

1,	"B" Company	38 points.
2,	"D" Company	32 ,,
3,	"C" Company	31 ,,
4,	"A" Company	29 ,,

GAMES NOTES.

The results of the Platoon Championship up to 30th December, 1927, are as follows :—



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SUMMARY OF BATTALION MATCHES PLAYED DURING DECEMBER, 1927.

RUGBY.

Date.	Remarks.	Score.	
3/12/27	Played against the Peshawar Club at Nowshera	Peshawar Club	11 points
		5th Fusiliers	9 points
	Played against the 23rd Field Bde. R.A.	5th Fusiliers	6 points
		23rd F. Bde. R.A.	nil
8/12/27	Played at Nowshera against the 15th Medium Battery, Peshawar	Medium Battery	6 points
		5th Fusiliers	3 points

FOOTBALL.

3/12/27	Played on Battalion Ground against the 23rd Field Bde. R.A.	5th Fusiliers	4 goals
		23rd Bde. R.A.	nil
17/12/27	Played at Chakdara against the 6th Gurkha Rifles	5th Fusiliers	3 goals
		6th Gurkhas	1 goal
24/12/27	Played at Risalpur against the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards	5th Fusiliers	4 goals
		5th I.D.G.	2 goals
1/1/28	Played on Battalion Ground against the draft from United Kingdom	5th Fusiliers	2 goals
		Draft	nil

HOCKEY.

17/12/27	The 1st round of the District Championship, played on the Battalion Ground against the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards	5th Fusiliers	4 goals
		5th I.D. Guards	1 goal

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DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
January, 1928.

THERE has been considerable activity at the Depôt during the past month, and there have been quite a large number of arrivals and departures.

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To begin with the doings of the Recruit Company. On 2nd January, July Squad, 1927, under Mr. Crawhall, left us to join the 1st Battalion in Ireland. Unhappily for them, they left England during a period of very bad weather, and had one of the worst crossings ever experienced by a draft leaving here, things becoming so bad at one stage of the journey that even the saloon doors were washed off their hinges. A truly unpleasant experience.

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August Squad, 1927, completed their Musketry Course at Ponteland on 20th January. The results were, unfortunately, not quite so good as we had hoped, but the shooting was very much handicapped by bad weather, dull light and high winds being prevalent all the time.

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It was with great regret that we said good-bye, on 11th January, to Mr. Bennett, who has just finished his tour of duty here, and who is shortly taking over the Adjutancy of the 6th Battalion (T.A.). Though not actually with us, we hope to see a great deal of both him and Mrs. Bennett in the future, as they have taken a house in Fenham close to their former one, and so are within a few minutes' walk of barracks. We take this opportunity of wishing them the very best of luck and good fortune for the future.

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We welcome Mr. Holdsworth Hunt from the 1st Battalion, who is taking over the duties of Adjutant in succession to Mr. Bennett.

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On 19th January, a draft of 95 Other Ranks, under the command of Major O. B. Foster, M.C., arrived at Newcastle from the 2nd Battalion, the men being time-expired and about to commence their Reserve service. They all looked very fit and well, and told us that the 2nd Battalion were all very pleased at the prospect of moving to Lahore next winter. For the benefit of the uninitiated, Lahore is a city in the Punjaub Province, not far from Amritsar, and was once known as Mian-Mir. It has a large native population. The British Regiment stationed there at the present time is the 2nd Bn. Seaforth Highlanders, who were relieved by the 2nd Battalion at Nowshera in November, 1926.

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Our new Quartermaster, Captain J. H. Maynard, arrived by the same train as the draft, together with his wife and family. They also are from the 2nd Battalion. We extend to them a hearty welcome, and hope that they will enjoy their stay in Newcastle.

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On 17th January, Captain Braddell left us for a month's leave, the first part of which he is spending in Switzerland. We expect to have plenty of material for next month's notes, as he will surely have much to tell us of interest on his return. According to many well-known magazines, the World and his wife are at present in Switzerland !

Those who read the notes in the Regimental *Gazette* with care will notice that in the 6th Battalion notes for last month, mention was made of a Troupe of "Society High Kickers," who are to amuse us with song and dance on 25th and 26th January.

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It is rumoured that considerable interest is being taken in the show by one or two Officers at the Depôt, notably by C.W.H.H. and B.T.G.P., both of whom may be heard muttering their "parts" as they cross and re-cross the parade ground during the morning.

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Our late Adjutant also has a good deal to do with the business, but then as we all know he is an expert on matters of this kind.

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Amateur Concerts are not the simplest things in the world to arrange and carry out, and we wish all the performers the best of luck in their efforts.

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GARRISON FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

RESULTS UP TO DATE.

TEAMS.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
5th Fusiliers ("D" Staff)	6	5	0	1	16	8	11
D.L.I. ("D" Staff) ..	4	2	2	0	15	10	4
"Z" Battery (R.A.) ..	4	2	2	0	4	4	4
5th Fusiliers (Rec. Coy.)	4	2	2	0	9	16	4
H.Q., 21st (R.A.) ..	5	1	3	1	4	5	3
"Y" Battery (R.A.) ..	3	0	1	2	2	3	2
D.L.I. (Rec. Coy.) ..	4	1	3	0	6	4	2

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N.F.A. MID-WEEK CUP. *2nd Round.*

DEPOT 5TH FUSILIERS *v.* CLAYTON ATHLETIC.

On Garrison Ground, 18th January, 1928. Team :—
Cpl. Bell.
Dmr. McCartney. Sjt. Peppiatt.
Lce.-Cpl. Avery. Cpl. Babington. Fus. Wrightson.
Fus. Cuthbert. Cpl. Smart. Fus. Hughes. Fus. Gregory.
Fus. Nicholson.

Score :—Fusiliers 5, Athletic 1.

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GARRISON LEAGUE.

5TH FUSILIERS ("D" STAFF) *v.* 21ST BRIGADE R.A.

Played on Garrison Ground, 20th January, 1928. Team :—
Cpl. Bell.
Dmr. McCartney. Sjt. Peppiatt.
Lce.-Cpl. Avery. Cpl. Babington. Fus. Fox.
Fus. Cuthbert. Cpl. Smart. Fus. Gregory. Fus. Wrightson.
Fus. Nicholson.

Score :—Fusiliers 3, R.A. 1.

4th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

January, 1928.

WE have now started Winter Training in earnest, and have a good muster of budding N.C.O.'s at our evening classes.

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Once the classes begin, it seems no time before we find ourselves at camp, and this year, if no last minute changes take place, we shall be in a pleasant seaside camp, so let us hope for plenty of recruits.

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This is the season when Headquarters at Newburn become very active, probably they feel that they ought to increase the Post Office revenue by sending out numerous circulars, amendments to orders, etc., to " all Officers."

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The last of these impressive-looking envelopes received by the writer contained not only the usual pamphlet, but a request for payment ! ! !

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Now we know why the Chancellor of the Exchequer prophesies great economies in the Army estimates !

5th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

THE DRILL HALL,
CHURCH STREET,
WALKER-ON-TYNE.

21st January, 1928.

ONCE again our Training Season creeps on, and January finds us busy removing our goods and chattels from Gosforth back to the Drill Hall at Walker. Battalion Headquarters are already installed, but as the alterations will not be completed until early next month, the other signs of military occupation are still lacking.

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For some weeks prior to Christmas, Mrs. Anderson and the wives of the Officers and Serjeants spent a considerable time dressing dolls for the Annual Christmas Tree. Their reward came when these, along with toys, crackers, fruit, etc., were distributed among the children of the W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Men of the Battalion at Wallsend Drill Hall, on 'Xmas Eve.

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In spite of the inclement weather, about 200 kiddies came and toddled after Father Christmas, who wore a suspicious red nose. The Band was in attendance and rendered selections.

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The Commanding Officer, who was present, spoke a word of appreciation to the ladies who had so kindly dressed the numerous dolls, and commiserated with the Serjeants and others who had perforce to cook their own kippers during the temporary absences of their spouses at the sewing meetings.

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We regret to record the loss of Capt. G. J. W. Gatehouse, who has left the Battalion on completing 4 years as Adjutant. Capt. Gatehouse has been very popular during his stay in the Battalion, and will be greatly missed by all ranks who have been greatly indebted to him for his cheery assistance and instruction—always forthcoming, " mark you." The best wishes of all go with Captain and Mrs. Gatehouse.

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We are pleased to welcome as his successor, Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., a Fusilier with many local connections.

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(*Heard at Ballykinlar.*)

Old Gentleman to Young Band boy of one month's service : " Do you know of a Captain Newstead, my boy ? "

Y.B.B. : " Div aa naa ' Busty Newstead ' ? Whey, aye man, aa shud think aa dee ! "

During December, Major-General Sir George Cory, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., G.-O.-C. 50th (North'd.) Division, visited our Drill Halls. During his visit he presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to R.S.M. Tyrrell and Sjt. Wood, who are to be congratulated on joining the select band of " Rooty Wallahs."

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Col. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., Commanding the 149th Infantry Brigade, has left, the Brigade being taken over by Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O.

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Our activities commence this month with a Junior Officers' Class, commencing at Walker on the 24th instant and terminating on the 9th February.

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All Officers are proceeding to Hexham on 3rd February for a Week-end Tactical Exercise.

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A Lewis Gun Course for N.C.O.'s—always a popular one—will assemble at Walker on the 2nd February for two nights a week until 1st March.

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The Battalion Signalling Course also assembles at Wallsend on the above dates.

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It is hoped to have a Battalion Section Leading and Map Reading Course for N.C.O.'s some time during March.

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Sjt. Bramley was reposted to the 1st Battalion on the 1st November last, on the expiration of his tour of duty on the Permanent Staff, and was relieved by Sjt. D'Orey from the 1st Battalion. We wish Sjt. Bramley every success in his new sphere.

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Sjt. Wood, who is stationed at the Gosforth Drill Hall, is leaving us at the end of this month, for civil life. Whether it is true that he is setting up a small " on and off," we do not know, but we wish him the best of luck in whatever walk of life he takes up.

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Sjt. Wood is to be replaced by Sjt. Hurt from the 1st Battalion.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

25th January, 1928.

WE have nothing whatever of interest to report from Headquarters this month, but are in hopes of being able to collect something ere next month's issue.

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The Adjutant and Captain E. H. Watson are at present attending a Staff Course at York.

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A Miniature Rifle Club has been started at Headquarters, and, backed by the enthusiasm of Capt. Trenam and Mr. Middlemiss, we are hoping for great things to happen.

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Our billiard team at Alnwick is still giving a good account of itself, and considering we are but young compared with every

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other team in the League, our position of third is highly satisfactory.

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Strength to-day :—20 Officers and 537 Other Ranks.

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

We are beginning the New Year well, with practically a new Drill Hall—the opening of which we hope will attract new men to the Company.

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All stores, rifles, Lewis Guns, Signal and Transport stores have been removed from the Morpeth Gaol into their new compartments.

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Some of the Transport Section are very busy cleaning off the after effects of last year's camp—there having been no opportunity to get at the harness since coming home.

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Training has now commenced again, and courses for Signallers and Section Leaders are in full swing.

BERWICK DETACHMENT NOTES.

Sjt. J. Coulthard and Cpl. J. Skelly have been away to the Royal College of Science at Woolwich on a Rangefinder Course, and they will no doubt have many secrets to impart during the coming Training Season.

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Another Billiards Tournament has been organised by the Sports Committee, and 64 entries were received by Territorials and their friends.

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In this Tournament no Territorial reached the final stages, but they put up a good fight, which augers well for the future of the Detachment.

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The play in each round was keenly contested, and although it was reputed that the winner was known even before the draw took place, a dark horse crept in and won the prize.

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The play in the final, between Mr. F. Lillie and Mr. M. Scott, was of the highest order, and the splendid game put up by Lillie enabled him to win, and they are to be congratulated on the standard of the play put up in all the stages of the competition.

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At the moment we are organising another Billiard Tournament, and it would give us the greatest pleasure in being able to record a win for a member of the Territorial Army.

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The Miniature Range Tournament organised by the same Committee attracted 31 entries from the Detachment and Clubs in the district, and after a really good shoot Mr. J. Jenkison (well known to scores of readers of this Journal), of the Berwick British Legion Miniature Rifle Team, won the competition with a score of 41 out of a possible 43 ; and Mr. W. Raeburn, of the same Club, came 2nd with a score of 39—a good performance, which shows great credit on the Club to which they belong.

We congratulate them and hope that we may meet again in the near future.

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The Chatton Detachment held their Annual Ball at the Schoolroom, Chatton, on Friday, the 20th instant, and as in former years, was well supported by Territorials, past and present, and their friends from a very wide area.

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The Hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and Sjt. Rutherford and his Committee must have worked hard to produce such a fine effect.

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About 200 persons took the floor, and although it was a little crowded the fine programme of music supplied by Bandmaster Moore and his Orchestra made one forget such small troubles and only those of very large dimensions seemed to feel the effect of so large a crowd.

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The catering was in the capable hands of Mrs. Bassett and a Ladies' Committee, and they are to be congratulated not only on the splendid repast supplied, but on the very efficient way that it was served up, and their part of the programme went a long way in making the evening a big success.

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Sjt. Rutherford and his Committee are to be congratulated on the production of a very fine Ball, and all those who understand the amount of work required to make this kind of entertainment a success appreciate very much what was achieved by them.

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Those present at the Ball included :—Major H. R. Smail, T.D., Berwick ; Capt. P. W. Maclagan, M.D., Berwick ; Capt. A. J. K. Todd, Company Commander, Alnwick ; Capt. and Mrs. Gallon, Berwick ; Lieut. and Mrs. Moscrop, Berwick ; Lieut. and Q.M. C. Adlard, M.M., Alnwick ; the Misses Adamson, Alnwick ; C.S.M. and Mrs. Cole, of the Drill Hall, Berwick.

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Some well-known faces were missed at the Ball, but we hope that the unforeseen circumstances that prevented them from attending this time will not again prevent them from spending a happy night with us.

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To them we offer our sincere sympathy and hope that we shall meet again in the near future.

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Winter Classes in Section Leading and Machine Gun commence on the 23rd instant, and we have had a good response.

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Members of the Serjeants' Mess were invited by the Serjeants' Mess of the Depôt, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, to their New Year's festivities, and full advantage was taken of the invitation.

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A splendid evening was spent and was greatly appreciated by those who had the honour to receive an invitation to these age old festivities organised and run by this famous Regiment.

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We appreciate very much indeed the kindness and hospitality shown to us by the Officer Commanding and all ranks stationed at the Depôt.

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Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
January, 1928.

WE are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926. 10/- each.

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The following letter, which appeared in the *Times* on the 14th January, will have a special interest to 5th Fusiliers, apart from the universal interest taken by all in the recent catastrophic flooding of the tidal waters of the Thames :—

" SIR,—Sixty years ago the explosion of a powder factory at Erith caused a huge fissure in the Thames Embankment and a deep and wide crater in its rear. The late General Sir Edward Warde was then in command of the Woolwich District, and, realising the danger to the low-lying country between that spot and London, took immediate steps to endeavour to save that district from a possible terrible disaster.

" A Regiment was parading for the General's annual inspection. He ordered it to proceed at once to the nearest railway station, at the same time sending wagons for spades from Woolwich Arsenal to meet them there. He stopped the first train, got the station-master to turn out all the passengers, and proceeded in that train with his troops to the danger point. Clay for puddling was found to be some distance in rear. He formed his soldiers into a long chain to the spot, and through the succeeding critical hours passed that clay from hand to hand to the fissure, which extended to low-water line, the explosion having occurred just as the highest tide of the month was beginning to flow.

" Inch by inch he fought that tide : the water was reported gaining ! He realised that if once the tide burst through that yawning gap the 400 soldiers in the crater below were doomed. Then the engineers warned him that if the water won the whole low-lying district from there to Camberwell might be flooded. He ordered the whole of his staff, and others, away to safer ground ; and I well remember watching his figure, with a small bugler at his side, silhouetted against the sky, on the top of the embankment, ready to sound the Retreat ; though he realised that, if the rising tide beat him, not only his small bugler and himself but the 400 men working in the crater beneath must perish. His duty was there, his responsibility grave. He accepted both, and the battle with the rising tide was won.

" Why do I recall this story now ? The episode, I repeat, refers to 60 years ago. Such a catastrophe may happen 60 years hence. A more alarming catastrophe has occurred within the last few hours. Am I wrong in suggesting that all in authority throughout the land have before them a great lesson still to learn ?

" Faithfully yours,
" C. E. WARDE.

" Burham Court, Maidstone, 10th January."

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The Regiment mentioned in the above letter was the 1st Battalion of the 5th Fusiliers, and though the date of the event was the 30th September, 1864, quite a few Officers are still living who heard the tale from those who participated in the work. From one of these we learn that the uniforms were ruined, as the Battalion were not allowed even to change their best tunics, and that little if any compensation was paid ! !

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As this is the first issue of a new volume, and a new year, we take the opportunity to appeal to our readers to support our advertisers wherever and whenever they can do so. If you want to buy something, just have a look at the *Gazette* and see if any firm dealing in what you require advertises therein, and if so deal with that firm.

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We have received a long letter from Mr. T. J. Garrett, late Serjeant in the 5th Fusiliers and now Regimental-Serjeant-Major in a defence force unit at Hobart, Tasmania. His unit has just had new Colours presented, and apparently much of the organisation of the parade for that event has fallen upon the R.S.M. However, having experienced a similar occasion with the late 4th Battalion (Regular) at Dublin, he felt an unshaken confidence, and by the glowing press accounts of the ceremony he appears to have acquitted himself most creditably.

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A cutting from a daily paper sent to us comments on the " oldest pensioner," one Mr. J. Flannery, of Crickhowell, Wales, who is 102 years of age, and served in the 5th Fusiliers, which he left 61 years ago, to retire on pension. Can anyone give any further information about this old Fusilier ?

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C. **Mr. J. Wilde**

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Subscriptions due in February :—

Major R. M. Booth, D.S.O. Capt. A. E. B. Plummer
Sjt.-Major McKim Mrs. Williams

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

THE Annual General Meeting was held at the Veterans' Club, Hands Court, Holborn, W.C. 1, on Monday, 23rd January, 1928. The attendance included Col. D. Sapte, Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, Capt. J. T. Rowland, Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C., and about sixty members.

At the conclusion of the meeting a Dance was held, which resulted in a very pleasant evening being spent.

Membership.—Amongst our latest joined members are Mr. J. Scandrett and Mr. S. Goodall : both will be remembered by some of the old 1st Battalion. We are also pleased to record that a number of applications for membership are being received from men being discharged from the serving Battalions and Depôt—this is no doubt due to the splendid support accorded to the Association by the Commanding Officers, to whom we wish to express our thanks.

Employment.—An Employment Section was formed some time ago, and although many of our Comrades have been found employment, we still have 22 names on our books, some of whom have only recently left the Regiment. We therefore appeal to all to do their very utmost to assist the Association to find employment for those of our Comrades who are unemployed.

Full particulars can be obtained immediately from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. I. Morgan, 224, Huntingfield Road, Roehampton, S.W. 15, who will do his utmost to ensure that the *right man* is recommended in accordance with the nature of the post offered.

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BIRTH.

WILLIAMS.—On 20th February, 1928, at a Nursing Home in Dublin, the wife of Major K. Greville Williams, O.B.E., late 5th Fusiliers—of a son.

DEATHS.

DRAKE.—On 15th February, at 136, Marina, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Adelaide Sarah, widow of Major Francis Drake.

MONEY.—On 29th February, at Cheltenham, Colonel C. G. C. Money, C.B., late 5th Fusiliers.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

ESTABLISHMENTS

The following appointment is made:—Small Arms School (Hythe Wing).—Asst. Instr. (Cl. G.G.).—Lieut. I. J. Kilgour, North'd Fus., *vice* Lieut. G. A. C. Macnab, Royal Sussex Regt. (dated 4th February).

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REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The undermentioned Gentlemen Cadets from the Royal Military College to be Second-Lieutenants (dated 2nd February, 1928):—

INFANTRY.

S. Enderby, C. C. G. Milward, G. P. Hobbs.

Lieut. T. Bennett is seconded for service as an Adjutant, T.A. (dated 11th January).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

6th Bn.—Lieut. T. Bennett, North'd. Fus., to be Adjutant, and is granted the temporary rank of Captain in the T.A. (with pay and allowances of a Lieutenant) whilst holding that appointment (dated 11th January).

7th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. M. Robson to be Lieutenant (dated 8th November, 1927).

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,
February, 1928.

THE Battalion has almost become "whole" again. The Swiss contingent, less one, has returned, beautifully bronzed and bronzed beautifully, and for a few nights the horse had to make way for the ski as the chief topic of conversation. It would appear from this said conversation that a goodish number of persons afflicted with ocular trouble go to Switzerland each year, unless it be the effect of the snow otherwise how comes it that one Officer, perfectly arrayed in beret, special ski coating, etc., etc., was mistaken by a fairish crowd for a Swiss fireman ? ! ! A snapshot of this Officer in the said kit appears to our, we hope, normal eyesight as an excellent representation of a handsome and stalwart British Officer correctly arrayed for Alpine sports! So certain are we that this is so, that we have not the slightest hesitation in publishing the snapshot with the whole-hearted consent of the Officer concerned, and Swiss illustrated papers may copy.

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Captain Lindsey and Mr. Macmullen are still on leave. No doubt the former will whet our appetites on his return with descriptions of the latest menus at the Ritz, Carlton and Berkeley, á la Colonel Newnham-Davis. A few sartorial hints as to the latest fashions will also be very welcome. Mr. Macmullen is still Alpine sporting.

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Major Foster reported for duty at the beginning of the month and is now on leave.

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Mr. Stockley is at Hythe, on a course, and Mr. Parsons is on a Signalling Course.

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Training for boxing and cross-country running has predominated during the last week or two, and as will be seen elsewhere we have succeeded in getting into the final of the Northern Ireland District Team Boxing Competition, which we hope to win, though it will be a near thing by all accounts. We admire the courage of Captain Scanlon in "coming back," after ten years, in order to win us points in the Officers' Light-Weights. He had a "walk-over" *versus* the West Yorkshire Regiment, but may have to fight in the final. Good luck to him!

"W" and "Z" Companies are carrying out Individual Training this month and continue with Company Training in March. Tactical exercises without troops for Officers remain fashionable until the end of this month. As regards these exercises it is said that one Officer is so obsessed with them that he writes home and to all his friends in the military jargon of report writing, etc. For instance, an afternoon's shoot would probably be described in this manner:—

"We proceeded to the rendezvous in a mechanised vehicle (unarmoured and non-fighting) and, having loaded our guns, moved in an open formation by covered approaches *via* FARM at K7626 to BOG at K7648, where a party of teal, estimated strength one flight, were located in position in REEDS at

BRITISH OFFICER ARRAYED FOR ALPINE SPORTS.

K763482. Two guns were placed in position on the right of the bog facing north, behind a hedgerow, and two guns were advanced round the right flank of the bog with a view to cutting off the enemy's retreat, but owing to the too rapid advance, without proper use of ground, of the scout (a victorised canine), the enemy took to flight. The guns then reformed and one Officer was put under arrest for using obscene language and shooting at the scout above-mentioned."

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A draft of 26 other ranks arrived from the Depôt, under Mr. Pringle, on the 17th February, and half were posted to "W" Company and half to "X" Company. We were sorry to hear they had rather a rough crossing.

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On the 12th February, after Church Parade, Major-General F. F. Ready, C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G., D.S.O., presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to the following :—C.Q.M.S. Shaw, C.Q.M.S. Irwin, Sjt. Timbers, Sjt. Kirby, Lce.-Sjt. Locke.

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Captain Powell brought off a very uncommon feat a few days ago. He shot at one snipe and missed, but hit another which had flown by chance into the zone of fire. Unkind people suggest that this took place in the vicinity of the house at K3884, but we that know know otherwise.

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Hunting notes will be found elsewhere. The following example of enthusiastic conversation can be heard in Mess in the evening of any hunting day :—

Karl.—" By Jove, old boy, damn good day. Took the deuce of a voluntary though at—— "

Putters.—" Yes, you ass! nearly brought me down too. ' Damson ' snorted and stopped and nearly put me off. Got cursed too by—— "

Peffrey.—" Did you ? So did I ; remember that bit of plough where Pike nearly took a—— "

Pike.—" Don't talk rot ; if it hadn't been for that ass Bang suddenly dashing past full split—— "

Bang.—" ' Short Novel ' was a bit fresh, I admit, but if you'd been riding—— "

Pike.—" I wouldn't ride such a beast."

Puddy.—" What feast ? "

All.—" Beast, Puddy, not feast!"

Porge.—" I see South Africa have won the—— "

Titchard.—" ' Boanna ' pulled like blazes to-day. Did you see—— "

Karl.—" Damn good value, old ' Taplin,' went at that stone wall near Ballintober like a good 'un ; you saw it, Putters, didn't you ? "

Putters.—" Lord, yes! I was—— "

Stickley.—" I offered—— "

Putters.—" Don't you young Subalterns interrupt so much."

Porge.—" Funny thing that case in the paper about—— "

Puddy.—" Deuce of a lot of wire near—— "

Stickley.—" I offered Tamnish a lead over that fence with the wired top, and he told me to go to the deuce."

All.—" Serve you damn well right, too."

Porge.—" Lot of duck on the foresh—— "

Puddy.—" Saw Merky out with the Torpeth."

All.—" Jove, did you ? "

Karl.—" Good old Merky! "

Putters.—" Did he lead the—— "

Peffrey.—" I bet he—— "

Pike.—" Someone told me—— "

Titchard.—" Was he—— "

Porge.—" I wonder how he likes New—— "

Karl.—" Remember Merky that day—— "

All.—" Lord, yes! out at Mright."

Porge.—" I remember one day—— "

Locks.—" Did you see Mrs. Kivor take that—— "

Nearly all.—" Yes, by Jove! thought she'd come a deuce of a crack."

Porge.—" Wonder if—— "

Putters.—" See Peffrey catch his toe in that gate ? "

Peffrey.—" Don't talk rot."

Stickley.—" Teth. got told off again for riding in front of the—— "

Nearly all.—" Yes, thought Tamnish was going to burst a blood-vessel shouting."

Porge.—" I wonder if anyone—— "

Puddy.—" You wait till you see ' Rigger ' in the Point-to—— "

Immediate switch of conversation on to subject of the Point-to-Point, which lasts at least another hour.

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The Officers played the Serjeants at billiards and " snooker " on the 7th February, the games lasting two evenings.

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The Officers lost rather heavily—winning only two games out of six at billiards and one drawn game at " snooker "—Captain Seth-Smith and Mr. Beckwith winning their games at billiards, and Captain Scanlon and Lieut. Carr-Ellison winning their " snooker " game.

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We hope to soon have our revenge, and are considering hiring a table for practice purposes.

N.I.D. ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CUP.

The Depôt Royal Ulster Rifles, who were our opponents in the first round of this competition, scratched, and we therefore met the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in the semi-final. The latter had already defeated us in the Army Cup Competition by the colossal score of 9—3, the game being played in Belfast on a ground that resembled a bog more than a football ground. This time the match was played at Ballykinlar, and it remained to be seen whether the excuses which we have in the past been prone to make for defeats on the unaccustomed slippery grounds in Belfast had any real foundation or not.

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As it happened, playing on our own ground we turned the tables on the Inniskillings, defeating them 3—0 in a game in which our team were always well on top. It must, of course, be said for the Inniskillings that they, in their turn, seemed to find a difficulty in settling down to the faster conditions of our ground, and for some time they found themselves pursuing the ball, which went bounding on long after it should, by all the laws of softer grounds, have stopped dead.

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The game began in a sensational fashion. The FIFTH kicked off against the wind ; a long pass was sent out to Fus. Hardy, who took the ball down the left wing at a rare pace, beat an opponent, and put in a good centre which Fus. Young (inside right) put straight into goal. The whole affair lasted only about 20 seconds. This put great heart into team and spectators alike. A continuous pressure was maintained and two more goals were added before half-time—a rather long curling shot by Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes, and a fast low one by Fus. Young. A little before half-time the wind shifted and increased in strength, and on the change over taking place the FIFTH found themselves playing into a strong wind blowing diagonally across the ground. The strength of the wind spoilt football in the second half for both sides. The FIFTH still pressed hard, and several times came near to scoring. No further result was, however, obtained, and we ran out winners by 3 goals to nil.

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Taken throughout, the team played well, and there was no noticeably weak individual. Lce.-Cpl. Dennison, at back,

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proved a worthy substitute for Fus. Doherty, who has been transferred to the Army Reserve. Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, his partner, was very reliable, with the exception of one or two mis-kicks, which might well be excused owing to the high wind. The half-back line all put in a lot of hard work, Lce.-Cpl. Charlton in particular going all out from start to finish. Lce.-Cpl. Smart was noticeable for the skill with which he kept the ball nice and low against the wind, and they all did their fair share in feeding the forwards.

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The forward line, with Lce.-Cpl. Taylor as resourceful as ever, showed far more pace than their opponents. Fus. Young proved a useful recruit to the Battalion team. He is quick, makes good use of his opportunities, and gives the impression that with more practice he will make a very good footballer. Fus. Cornwall, in goal, was not severely tested, but what he had to do he did well.

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The one noticeable weakness, almost throughout the team, was the inability of the various players to keep the ball low when playing against the wind. This admittedly is not easy, but there is no denying that with more skill in this respect in the second half, passes would have been more accurate and several goals would almost certainly have been registered.

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We now meet the Sherwood Foresters in the final.

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Against the Inniskillings the team lined up as follows :—

Fus. Cornwall.
Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart. Lce.-Cpl. Dennison.
Lce.-Cpl. Smart. Lce.-Cpl. Charlton. Lce. Cpl. Bell.
Fus. Kellet. Fus. Young. Lce.-Cpl. Taylor. Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes.
Fus. Hardy.

BOXING NOTES.

As predicted in last month's notes, we did even better than we had expected in the first round of the N.I.D. Team Boxing Championships.

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The first round we were drawn against the West Yorkshire Regiment, at Ballykinlar, and the fights took place on Tuesday, 14th February.

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Several nights previously the team could be seen at work in the Gymnasium, assisted most ably by enthusiastic sparring partners, who seemed quite content to receive numerous " clags in the kissor," if only to see their work rewarded later.

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At about 7 p.m., the Gymnasium was filled, and the boxing commenced.

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1st Fight—Officers' Middle-Weights.

2nd-Lieut. W. D. F. Laing (5th Fus.) *v.* Lieut. P. G. S. Craig (West Yorks. Regt.). 2nd-Lieut. Laing won on points.

2nd Fight—Officers' Light-Weights.

Capt. T. M. Scanlon (5th Fus.), no opponent. Capt. T. M. Scanlon, M.C., walk-over.

3rd Fight—Other Ranks, Bantam-Weights.

Fus. Cornforth (5th Fus.) *v.* Pte. Betts (West Yorks. Regt.). Pte. Betts won on points.

4th Fight—Feather-Weights.

Fus. Collighan (5th Fus.) *v.* Pte. Hornby (West Yorks. Regt.). Pte. Hornby won on points.

5th Fight—Officers' Catch-Weights.

Lieut. L. F. C. Carr-Ellison (5th Fus.) *v.* Lieut. C. J. Luce (West Yorks. Regt.). Lieut. Carr-Ellison won ; fight stopped first round.

6th Fight—Other Ranks, Light-Weights. 3rd string.

Cpl. Ross (5th Fus.) *v.* Pte. Dainty (West Yorks. Regt.). Cpl. Ross won ; fight stopped first round.

7th Fight—Light-Weights. 2nd string.

Cpl. Roper (5th Fus.) *v.* Pte. Pearson (West Yorks. Regt.). Cpl. Roper won by k.o. first round.

8th Fight—Welter-Weight. 3rd string.

Fus. Carty (5th Fus.) *v.* Cpl. Senior (West Yorks. Regt.). Fus. Carty won by k.o. second round.

9th Fight—Welter-Weight. 2nd string.

Fus. Miller (5th Fus.) *v.* Cpl. Boulton (West Yorks. Regt.). Fus. Miller won by k.o. first round.

10th Fight—Welter-Weights. 1st string.

Lce.-Cpl. Morton (5th Fus.) *v.* Cpl. Stocker (West Yorks. Regt.). Lce.-Cpl. Morton won on points.

11th Fight—Middle-Weights. 2nd string.

Cpl. Naylor (5th Fus.) *v.* Pte. Wooton (West Yorks. Regt.). Cpl. Naylor won by k.o. first round.

12th Fight—Middle-Weights. 1st string.

Fus. Townend (5th Fus.) *v.* Pte. Delaney (West Yorks. Regt.). Pte. Delaney won on points.

13th Fight—Light Heavy-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Stockton (5th Fus.) *v.* Pte. Holmes (West Yorks. Regt.). Lce.-Cpl. Stockton won by k.o. third round.

14th Fight—Other Ranks, Catch-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart (5th Fus.) *v.* Pte. Bradley (West Yorks. Regt.). Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart won.

15th Fight—Light-Weights. 1st string.

Sjt. Hackett (5th Fus.) *v.* Pte. Gaynor (West Yorks. Regt.). Pte. Gaynor won on points.

2 points were awarded for a win.
1 point was awarded for a loss.
2 points were awarded for a walk-over.

RESULT— Fifth Fusiliers .. .. .. 26 points.
West Yorkshire Regt. .. .. 18 ,,

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The evening concluded with the C.O. giving a vote of thanks to the Referee, Lieut. Grimshaw, Royal Ulster Rifles ; the Judges, Major Harris, M.C., M.B., R.A.M.C. ; Capt. D. A. Brett, M.C., Indian Army ; Lieut. Thompson, R.E.

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As will be observed, we won 11 fights to our opponents' 4. This has left us confident of giving a good account of ourselves

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in the Final, on Wednesday, 22nd, against the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, at Belfast.

HUNTING NOTES.

Now that many of us have returned from leave we have been able to be more fully represented in the hunting field during the last month.

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Sport has been good, considering the wet condition of the country, the " piéce de resistance " being a six mile point with the staghounds in 40 minutes.

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The Point-to-Point season will be upon us in another month and the card opens with the " F." Down Harriers on 24th March where our Regimental Race is to be held.

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A week later the staghounds have their fixture with a race open to Officers serving in the N.I.D., in which we trust we shall be well represented.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The two burning questions of the hour are—What is our next station, and the re-organization of the Battalion ?

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The former is the cause of much speculation, and according to the many and varied rumours we have been associated with every station in the Northern, Eastern, Aldershot and Southern Commands.

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Many of the members are so worried over the question, that sleep is out of the question, and nerves are on edge.

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If the authorities do not soon settle this question it is highly probable that many of the members will completely collapse through exhaustion.

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The re-organization at least has its cheerful aspect, but even this is not sufficient to counteract ill effects of the probable (?) move.

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The general trek has been arranged for Révéille on the 29th instant, and *if* in practice it works out according to the theoretical plan, it will all be over by Tattoo on the 1st March.

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In conformity with this re-organization of the Battalion, the personnel of the Mess seems to be undergoing much change.

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During the month the following have left us :—C.S.M. Blakey and Sjt. Smart to the 4th Bn. (T.A.), in relief of C.S.M. Mower and Sjt. West.

" Ernie " has gone to enjoy the benefits of a well-earned pension.

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We hope to see him on some future occasion at the Pictures. Good luck to him.

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Sjt. Gossage has departed for Africa for service under the Colonial Office.

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This departure will be a severe blow to the ex-Boys' organization, as also the departure of " Mick " to Hounslow to learn the mysteries of how to caretake.

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" Paddy " also moves to Chiseldon on a vocational training course. It is pleasing to note that he has chosen a less strenuous occupation than " Mick."

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He has promised to send us " settings " of his prize Buff Orpingtons, etc., when he has taught his hens to lay according to plan.

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Don't forget the grit, " Paddy."

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Why he should inflict himself and his broods on the U.S.A. one cannot imagine. However, may he have the best of luck in every respect.

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News from " Topper " informs us that he is still going strong and full of life.

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We welcome Sjt. Beatty, who has joined us from the 2nd Battalion ; also Sjt. West, who has rejoined on completion of a tour of duty with the 4th Battalion (T.A.).

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Sjt. Speed has left us, discharged on medical grounds. We wish him the best of luck in civilian life.

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We understand that he will pay us a visit on St. George's Day, and we shall be very pleased to see him.

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Lce.-Sjt. Matthewson has rejoined from a tour of duty at the Depôt.

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Congratulations to Sjt. D. Hebbron on his winning the Billiards Cup. He disposed of " Harry " in the semi-final and Sjt. Wixon in the final.

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During the month we have managed to inveigle the Officers to play us at billiards.

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We played 6 games of billiards (3 of 150 up and 3 of 100 up) and 3 games at snooker.

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In both codes we were able to record wins. Results are as under :—

BILLIARDS.

OFFICERS.		SERJEANTS.	
Lt.-Col. Herbert ..	116	Sjt. Wixon	150
Capt. Seth-Smith ..	150	C/Sjt. Reaney ..	139
Capt. Myers	128	Sjt. Hebbron	150
Lieut. Butterfield ..	93	R.S.M. Rowsell ..	100
Capt. Gatehouse ..	36	Sjt. Hobbs	100
Lieut. Beckwith ..	100	Sjt. Murphy	74
	623		713

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SNOOKER.

OFFICERS.		SERJEANTS.	
Lieut. Yorke and Lieut. Laing	39	Sjt. Locke and Sjt. Swain	52
Capt. Scanlon and Lieut. Carr-Ellison	38	Sjt. Hullyer and Sjt. Hackett	38
Lieut. Sperling and Lieut. Spears	31	Sjt. Bellamy and Sjt. Holmes	54
	108		144

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We hope to have the honour and pleasure in trying conclusions again at an early date.

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At the present time a "Flying" Handicap of 41 up is in progress. Details will be given in next issue.

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The results of the Whist Drives held since last notes are as follows :—

	LADIES.	GENTS.
25/1/28	1, Mrs. Sutton	1, S/Sjt. Dempster
	2, Mrs. Byrnes	2, Lce.-Sjt. Lawless
1/2/28	1, Mrs. Windram	1, S/Sjt. Brown
	2, Mrs. Byrnes	2, R.S.M. Rowsell
8/2/28	1, Mrs. Brown	1, Bdsmn. Windram
	2, Miss Macgowan	2, Mrs. Ratliff (pl. as Gent.)
18/2/28	1, Mrs. Rowsell	1, Sjt. Murphy
	2, Mrs. Ratliff	2, Lce.-Sjt. Lawless
	3, Mrs. Hutchinson	3, Sjt. Dyke

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We were pleased to see Sjt. Dyke, who brought a draft over from the Depôt, but we strongly object to him taking one of our prizes away.

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This practice is developing into a habit.

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Congratulations to Sjt. Irwin on his promotion to Colour-Serjeant.

"PACKY."

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

Since our last notes, things have been very quiet in the Club, except for the gramophone.

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We got a new selection of records from Belfast, and they are nearly worn out.

We thank Mr. Beckwith very much for the records he gave us, especially for the Tyneside records, "Hi! Canny Man" and "Geordie's Saturday Night."

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Best wishes and hopes for the future are extended to Lce.-Cpl. Canvin and Lce.-Cpl. Latimer on their recent marriages.

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We have played our last billiard match of the season, and were very unlucky to lose by 47 points. Our best players were otherwise engaged and we had to play reserves.

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Congratulations are extended to Cpl. Madgin on his promotion, but he did not remain with us long, being posted to the Depôt with Lce.-Cpl. Turnbull, who has gone to show the recruits how to do "Back Flips."

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A certain N.C.O. back from a Cookery Course was asked how to make a rice pudding. "Oh ! easy—1 sack of rice and 8 sacks of water."

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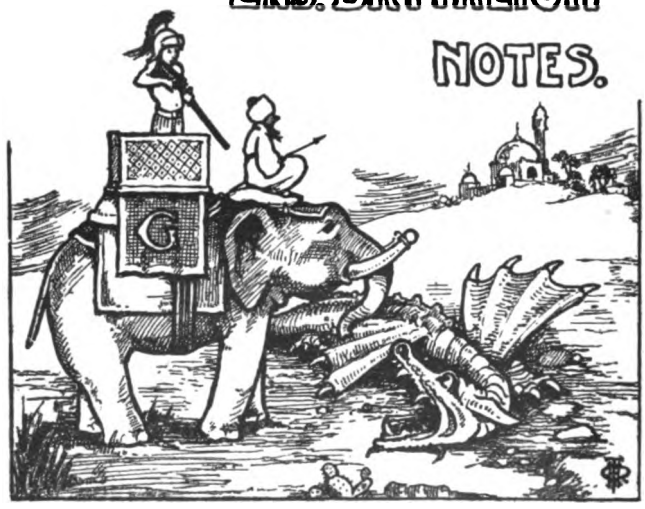
Another member of the Club was invited to go for mussels, and he wanted to know how you "killed them."

GEORGE.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



NOWSHERA,

January, 1928.

NOW it happened in Hindustan that a small boy said that he had overheard a Hindu reviling the Prophet.

Perchance he had, perchance he had not, but at any rate this was true, namely that Bhagwan Das, the Hindu, did not see eye for eye with the small boy touching the matter of the impact of a sharp stone against Bhagwan's fat body.

Now, the small boy was the son of a strict Moslem, and when his mother heard the story, she told his father, and the fat was in the fire, for slander of the Prophet is an unforgivable and unforgettable sin.

The local Moslem world rose as one man, and Hindus were informed, as they could not keep their tongues off the Prophet, they had placed themselves in the position of the verminous

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tramp stung by a wasp. " For the sins of one you have all got to go."

From both sides of the Border streams of Hindu refugees began to converge on the larger towns in British territory, where they were received by the mass of Moslem population with hostility, but slightly veiled in the presence of the police, and which on sight of panic or intolerance might convert into a pogram.

There ensued a splendid time for the Stikki, the Makki and the Haiki Khel.

With one accord they said : " Henceforth we will be as the Sahibs, we will be masters of our own and will run co-operative stores for our tribes.

It is true that our honorary Malik is in Kashmir worshipping the Great Golluph, but we know that he would approve our action. Is he not our honorary Malik, and do we not always think alike ?

Now, one Mohd. Jan was a youth of considerable influence in the Councils of Makki Khel.

He was possessed of shrewd business sense, which marked him out as a possible Minister of Finance for his tribe.

At a Friday Welfare Meeting he addressed his fellows :— " Oh ! my brothers, ye do well to purge the land of the Hindus, but I pray you look also upon the financial side. Have ye money for rifles ? From whom will we borrow of the Bunnias so ? Do not the Sabuliog demand tickets when ye travel by the relgari ? Have not ye also the right to demand payment when the Hindu leaves our land ? Let us also demand tickets, and use the paisor for the Public Service. Can we not then build an Asnal and grow rich with many rifles ? "

And the saying pleased his fellows, and they formed a Committee of Safety, to see the Hindu out of the country, and they chose Mohd. Jan as Minister of Ways and Means, and President of the Committee.

Amongst the rules finally approved by the Committee were the following :—

Prospective emigrants could obtain a ticket of leave on payment of 10 % of all visible property. By visible property was meant property which a search might reveal.

A sur-tax of 15 % on the remainder was imposed to cover expenses of the booking-office staff.

A small charge was made for insurance *en route* : this varied in accordance with what the emigrant had left, and who could guarantee immunity to a Hindu with any money.

The system of issuing tickets was novel, not to say Oriental. Mohd. Jan had thought out a system of C.O.D. at destination ; but owing to the police and difficulty of collection of remittances from a large town, this had to be abandoned in favour of a modified V.P.P. system—the emigrant paid postage, *i.e.*, for transportation, and Mohd. Jan collected the value of person and property either *en route* or shortly before crossing the border.

On X-2 day Mohd. or one of the Committee warned a suitable number of emigrants—under penalty of death if they remained.

On X. day emigrants deposited the ticket money before starting, they were told the route to use, and if arrangements for surtax and insurance policies were satisfactory they eventually reached some big town.

Let us follow the fortunes of Wand Lal, Hindu goldworker, as an illustration.

Warned by Mohd. Jan in person, he deposited in cash and kind the money for tickets, and taking all remaining assets on his person he left in prescribed Indian owner-driven lorry.

To have issued insurance policies before starting would have been ridiculous, it would have been money thrown away—besides, Assurance agent clerks would have been known to Wand Lal, and in case of accidents a claim might be lodged by him with an unsympathetic Indian Government.

Once well outside the village boundaries, the goldsmith's conveyance was held up at a toll gate of boulders placed across the road and ticket collectors, carefully disguised so that one's feelings should not be hurt, came on board.

The Committee, whilst taking every precaution to ensure that the payment of V.P.P. fees and issue of insurance policies should be quick, exhaustive and painless, entirely disclaimed any responsibility where time pressed, where a passenger indulged in mendacity regarding his assessable value, for any accidents.

Now, the Khasadars, being fully occupied in protection of life and property in this part of the world, could not afford the time to act as booking office clerks and collectors, and from the first disapproved of the Committee and considered that it was encroaching on their sphere of action. They warned the Committee that it was cramping their style, and that if anything went wrong they would get no help from the Khasadars.

It was unfortunate that on the day in question when everything was proceeding smoothly, Wand Lal was just receiving his insurance policies, that a British Officer should come up on a motor bicycle. It was even more unfortunate that as a result of his energetic action, the Makki Stikki and Haiki Kkel Khasadars were imbued with such rapidity of action in a correct initial direction, that the issue of the policy to Whan Lal had to be hurried and the goldsmith received a small cut in the process.

As a result a large portion of the V.P.P. receipts had to be refunded. The Khasadars, however, were quite unable to identify any of the booking office clerks or collectors, which was not strange, and as they lived next door, and in Yaghistan one never knew his next neighbour by sight. It is not safe to be so careless, and even if you did, it would be tactless, not to say dangerous, to admit it.

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The Faqir of A. required advertisement.

The Haji of B. required the extinction of the Faqir of A., lest his own light should be outshone.

The Border Political Subordinate required money.

The subsidised tribes required more money.

The Soviet required trouble for the English.

The Deputy Commissioner required a rest, but then, as he was always overworked, the Border Political Subordinate did not consider him.

The troops required to be kept out of the sun—it was June—so any show must be short and sharp.

The younger tribesmen required excitement.

The elders did not—at least not until after the harvest.

The Government of India required P.A.A.P. ?

How all these conditions could be fulfilled and reconciled by one man with profit to himself, the following will attempt to show. This is an entirely untrue story, but oh! what a chance if our hero had been what some people say he is!

The Faqir of A. preached Jehad against the British—a simple and effective way of attracting attention.

The Haji of B. opposed Jehad as preached by the Faqir, not because he disliked Jehad or liked the British, but because he had not thought of it first.

The Trans-Border tribes did not object to Jehad, provided that it was made worth their while.

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The Cir-border tribes objected strongly; it was the wrong time of the year; they had pledges both sides of the border, and the scrap was bound to come off in their territory.

This was where the Border Political Subordinate came in. The Faqir, with some 200 followers, moved down towards the border; the Haji tried to stop him by —— first, then messages and finally, finding that the Faqir was obstinate and beginning to make unpleasant remarks about the Haji, followed him down towards the border with a following of some 600 men.

The Haji was in a strong position. If things went well for Faqir, the tribes joined in, the Haji could jump in on his side and take the credit of any success. If the Faqir's show was a frost, he could say to the Faqir, "I told you to let it alone," and to the British, "See how much my forbearance helped you, what about an allowance?"

The Faqir, followed by the Haji, approached the border. The Cis border tribesmen, stiffened by constabulary, picquetted the border. The troops were ordered to stand by; a small column moved out to a frontier post in support of the friendlies and frontier constabulary. The R.A.F. took an interest in the Faqir's movements.

Now, it was unfortunate for the Faqir that he had just completed an impassioned speech to his followers, ending up by promising that the aeroplanes would be unable to leave the ground, when the first air reconnaissance passed over the heads of the party.

Now, beyond having a few friendly shots at any aeroplanes which happened to cross their territory, these tribes had little or no experience of aeroplanes and were not so impressed as they might have been.

Still, some of the warriors of the Faqir's party considered it was tactless of the R.A.F., and scarcely a happy omen, to make the Prophet eat his own words publicly.

The Faqir, a man of ready resource, said that he had forgotten to say, when he was interrupted, that Allah had not agreed to his prayer about entirely stopping the aeroplanes from flying, but had promised that they should do no harm to his followers. In proof of this he pointed out the fact that the aeroplanes had come, and that no one was an anna the worse. Still, a few faint hearts said it was an omen, and that they did not think it was lucky, and they were going home.

But this defection was more than made good by local Budmashes joining on the chance of loot, and certain keen spirits who arrived from considerable distances.

During the night, a few of the Faqir party crept down to the frontier and fired a few shots at the towers held by friendly villagers.

Now the latter, in accordance with custom, had scrounged round for every fired case they or their children could lay hands on, with the bright intention of loosing off a few country-made rounds and handing in vast numbers of empty cases to be exchanged for .303 Govt. pattern. A few nights of this, given plenty of empty cases, a reserve of good ammunition would be built up for the next year or so.

To their surprise and indignation, however, the frontier constabulary who had been distributed amongst the friendlies enforced strict Fire Discipline and would allow no reply to hostile sniping at all.

A jehad having thus become a *fait accompli*, the Haji jumped off his fence, joined the Faqir, and sent his son with a party to carry on the good work further down the line.

He was a day too soon in making up his mind. Aeroplanes appeared on the scene dropping eggs on the Faqir and Haji's parties with absolute impartiality.

As, however, the former's party, according to their belief in their own immunity, were rather slow in going to ground, and the bulk of the casualties inflicted by bomb and machine gun fell on the Faqir's personal party, and he himself escaped more by good luck than good management.

Admittedly he took his punishment well. He stood in the open, cursing the aeroplanes and throwing dust at them. They came rather lower and dropped some more bombs.

Save for six devoted souls, the Faqir's party disappeared to cover and evinced a strong distaste if he attempted to approach them.

Meantime armoured cars moved out to enquire into the movements of the Haji's son, and more aeroplanes made close search for his party, with unpleasant results, and the Mountain Battery fired a few long-range rounds, but the Infantry and M.G.'s and friendlies refused to budge.

More aeroplanes came over and indulged in machine-gun fire at any suitable cover.

It grew dark, and the aeroplanes departed gradually. The Faqir's party came out of cover and began to collect to water and feed, for the day had been exceedingly hot.

The dead had to be taken back over the passes before dawn, and, even worse than casualties to men, several good rifles of good pedigree had been destroyed by bombs.

It was a disgruntled Faqir's party which assembled to lick its wounds and put the blame for it all in the Faqir.

Suddenly a white flare was fired from the Western Tower by the British; two white stars replied from the centre of the line, and the distant drone of an aeroplane was heard.

"Wallhai, can these birds of Satan see by night!" said the tribesmen.

Nearer and nearer came the drone of the 'plane, only the faint red glow from the exhaust indicating its position.

Suddenly this was displaced by a downward trail of white sparks, and the whole countryside was flooded with light from a parachute flare. Paralysed, the tribesmen hesitated for a moment before darting to cover, and six dull crashes, which reverberated back from hill and nullah, told the watchers on the towers that the first cargo of bombs had gone home. Once more everything grew silent, once more the tribesmen attempted to collect. Again the white rockets, again the aeroplanes, the wierd light of the parachute flare, and the following booms of explosion. Three times during the night the tribesmen had to scatter, and the last time they made no attempt to collect.

Early next day, heralds from a neutral tribe arrived with jirgahs, complaints of the treatment of a sporting lot of tribesmen who had come down to have a knock at the soldiers and had been treated with such contempt, and lastly for the private ear of the Deputy Commissioner the real message: "For Allah's sake call off the aeroplanes, we cannot even get away."

No more bombing took place, but next day there was a lashkan near the border.

The Faqir, with six devoted disciples, acted as rear party, because none of the rest of his followers would allow him to come any nearer, nor would they allow his party to precede them for fear he attracted further attention. He had had his advertisement, but it was a bit hard for a well-meaning man, who adored company, to have become so unpopular.

The troops withdrew, the local levies dispersed and laid their empties by as a lock-up investment, peace descended on the Border and the Frontier.

Constabularly resumed their lonely watch and wait.

Almost everyone was pleased, even the Faqir. Had he not

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led Jehad? Was not the Haji delighted because the Faqir had burned his fingers, and he could say, "I told you so."

The elders were pleased because the youths had had all the excitement they wanted.

The Government was pleased because they had P.A.A.P.

The troops, because their health was good and the show was soon over. The R.A.F. were pleased because they had live target practise. The friendlies because they got increased allowances.

The Soviet was pleased—well—because they are easily pleased, and they spread a yarn about a large war in Yaghistan.

The Deputy Commissioner was pleased to get it over and quit the fortunes of war just in time to find the city plastered with placards calling on one and all to rise and cut each other's throats. Only the young men and the owners of the destroyed rifles were cross.

In fact all was peace.

But, you say, what the devil has all this to do with the Political Subordinate?

Before the friendlies and neutrals received their rewards, a claim for commission was lodged with the Maliks by the B.P.S., couched as follows:—See that ye pay not what was agreed: not only shall ye never have another jehad, whence sucked ye so much gain, but it shall be revealed that you knew that 'twas no real jehad before it came, thus shall ye lose both merit and reward.

"GRENADIER."

Serjeants' Mess Notes.

NOWSHERA,

25th January, 1928.

The annual football match between the Officers and Serjeants was played on Tuesday, 27th December. The match usually occurs on Boxing Day, and the postponement on this occasion probably gave many an opportunity to recover from—'Xmas festivities. By the kind permission of the President and Committee, the Serjeants' Mess Band was in attendance. Prominent players were Fairley (fiddle), Hamilton (banjolele), Grace (side-drum), Hill, Bosworth, Wood (saxabasukaphones), while Chips Jackson was excellent in the rôle of Drum-Major, his mace consisting of a broom handle surmounted by a huge turnip.—Let me not diverge any more, but return to the match. The Officers deservedly won by 4 goals to 2. Capt. Waite, who has previously figured in the Regimental Team, showed the backs a clean pair of heels on many occasions, and registered two excellent goals. Major Baxter scored, following a splendid solo effort. Mr. Grimley netted the fourth goal. R.Q.M.S. Atkinson and Serjt. Ashton each scored an excellent goal for the Serjeants. The Commanding Officer displayed versatility by acting as custodian in the first half, and playing forward in the second half. R.S.M. Brocklesby luckily escaped with his life from a very effective sandwiching effort; while C.Q.M.S. Goodfellow hobbled out of melee in which two opponents appeared to mistake him for the ball. Still, as no one was taken off in the ambulance, the game might fairly be described as quiet. C.S.M. Davis, as goalie, brought off some excellent saves (except four).

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Following the custom of years, the Officers were "At Home" to the Serjeants' Mess members and their wives.

The writer, who is more at home with a pen than a sword, paid a visit to "Camp," situated near Wolai, a village lying six miles S.E. of Khartoum Barracks, as the crow flies. The old adage that an "army marches on its stomach" was again exemplified, judging by the appetising odour issuing from the veritable vats of soup, and the colossal piles of bacon prepared for to-morrow's breakfast. The healthy countenances of the men paid full compliment to these pabular preparations. The equestrian efforts of C.Q.M.S. Parkin and Serjts. Wasse and Wood must not go unsung by the muse. The first named, while out riding with some attached R.A. Serjeants, was enjoying a gallop, when a sudden bend in the course taken revealed a five-foot wall of rock just ahead. While excellent at balancing accounts, our worthy friend is not certain of balancing himself on a horse, and, failing to pull in his fiery steed, gracefully slid to mother earth, receiving a slight blow on the mouth from one of the horses following up. Luckily, the only damage sustained was a few loosened molars.

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Serjt. Wasse's horse also bolted, and while clinging round his equine friend's neck he managed to whisper in its ear that it would receive "half a special" (oh! these economists) on returning to camp, if it would but go "a tora asti." Suffice it to say that the said horse must be a knowing creature, and fond of "special." This version is straight from the horse's mouth. Serjt. Wood proved that there are other methods of guiding a horse than by the reins—to wit, gripping the saddle firmly with the hands front and rear. That his hands were skinned is neither here nor there.

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A word or two must be said concerning the Serjeants' "Purity League," inaugurated at camp. The object being to promote clean mouths, League members must perforce keep their throats well lubricated. To this end, fines were imposed for using the following words ——? ——! ——? ——! The funds thus accrued were spent in procuring considerable quantities of Ideal Milk (fresh milk not available), to which, after heating, an ideal liquid was added—a *rum* business forsooth!

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Mush Morey (Royal Artillery Serjeant attached) during camp manœuvres was seen on one occasion to make for camp at full speed. Whether the decision to make in this direction was arrived at by Mush or his steed, has not been definitely ascertained. However, over the wine, after dinner, he laid claim to capturing the camp single-handed. This resulted in the very impressive ceremony of presenting him with a V.C. with three bars (Public, Saloon and Private).

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While in camp, it was whispered to the visitor that a Bible was required on the previous day. A thorough search failed to bring one to light. Oh! naughty, naughty!

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R.S.M. Brocklesby is proceeding to England on six months' leave in May. We all hope that his holiday will be as successful in every way as the one he enjoyed two years ago.

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The Annual Tea and 'Xmas Tree was held in the Serjeants' Mess on Christmas Day. An excellent tea was provided, after which Father Christmas ("Chips"—just arrived from England) distributed a wonderful assortment of presents. The Committee

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deserve every credit for their efforts, which contributed to the success of this function.

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The writer of these notes, who has reason to be interested in First Class Certificates, hopes that the result of the October examinations will dispel for good and all the notion that a "First" resembles the grapes above the head of Tantalus. When such a goodly number of Mess members are successful, it should serve to show that the "First" is well within reach of those who are willing to grasp opportunities offered. In this connection we must congratulate C.S.M. Moon, C.Q.M.S. Parkin, and Serjts. Dalby, Wasse and Fairley on their success; while we must sympathise with C.S.M. Davis and Sjt. Young for just "missing the boat" in one subject, while doing so well in others. Wasse and Young had hard luck in just missing "Distinction" in "Mathematics" by one and two marks respectively.

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Games Notes.

Within a few days of our return from Battalion Camp we were faced with the second rounds of the Peshawar District Championships, both football and hockey.

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In the former, having drawn a bye in the first round, we defeated the 23rd Field Brigade R.A. by 4 goals to nil in the second round, thus qualifying to meet the 5th/6th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in the final of the Nowshera area. The game provided really good football, especially during the first half, when goals were scored by Fus. Clayton (2) and Fus. Wigham (1). In the second half, the Gunners asserted themselves much more, and were perhaps unlucky not to score. Within a few minutes of time an excellent centre by Clayton enabled Wigham to score our fourth goal.

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In the hockey, having defeated the 5th/6th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in the first round, we beat the 2nd Indian Wing R.A.F. somewhat easily by 5 goals to 1 in the second round, thus qualifying to meet the winner of the 23rd Field Brigade R.A. and "E" Battery R.H.A., in the Nowshera Brigade Area Final.

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Perhaps the chief feature of the game was the half-back play, which was constantly good throughout. Goals were scored by Lieut. Grimley (3) and Capt. Cooper (2).

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The following represented the Battalion :—

Football.— Fus. McGiven.
Lce.-Cpl. Bland. Cpl. Palmer.
Fus. Dreher. Cpl. Tulip. Fus. Smith.
Sjt. Young. Sjt. Cross. Fus. Wigham. Lce.-Cpl. Gillon. Fus. Clayton.

Reserves—Fus. Turner, Fus. Watson.

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Hockey. Fus. Armstrong.
C.Q.M.S. Parkin. Cpl. Cage.
Bdsmn. Flatman. Lce.-Cpl. Horner. Fus. Morgan.
Bdsmn. Allen. Lieut. E. H. D. Grimley. Capt. C. H. Cooper, M.C. (*capt.*). Fus. Simms. Fus. Pletts.

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
February, 1928.

THE past month has been a fairly quiet one and the amount of news is therefore rather limited.

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Captain Braddell returned from leave on 16th February, and gave us wonderful accounts of Switzerland. The sunsets there, we are informed, are extraordinarily fine about this time of the year, though ski-ing was apparently difficult owing to the shortage of snow.

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On Thursday, 16th, September Squad left us to join the 1st Battalion at Ballykinlar, under Mr. Pringle and Sjt. Dyke. They experienced a very rough crossing from Stranraer to Larne, but managed to revive before reaching Belfast, and arrived at Ballykinlar feeling fairly well. The prevailing West winds, which blow almost every day at this time of the year, do not make the crossings to Ireland particularly pleasant undertakings.

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There are now four Squads of Recruits at the Depôt, and one, October Squad, will be leaving in a few weeks' time to join the 1st Battalion. We expect to be forming a new Squad before they leave, and so do not expect to have our numbers much diminished for some time.

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On 20th, 21st and 22nd February the Inter-Squad Boxing was held, and some very good fighting was witnessed, especially on the third day, when the semi-finals and finals were held. After a very close contest, November Squad won the Challenge Shield by a small margin of points, October Squad being second and December and January Squads third and fourth respectively. Further details of the fights appear later in these notes. The Best Loser's Medal was awarded to Fus. Heslop, who put up a very good show throughout, until being defeated in the semi-finals.

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We wish to thank Captain Maynard, who very kindly refereed for us on all three days; and Q.M.S. Instr. Curtis and his assistants of the A.P.T. Staff, whose help and assistance is always invaluable on these occasions.

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On Monday, 6th, the "Northern Lights" Concert Party gave a Concert in the Soldiers' Home at Spital Tongues. We wish to thank all the performers for giving us such an enjoyable evening. A photograph of the party is appearing elsewhere in this copy of the *Gazette*.

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On Tuesday, the 21st, the G.O.C.-in-Chief, Northern Command, Lieut.-General Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., accompanied by Colonel Sir Reginald S. May, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (Colonel on the Staff in charge of Administration), paid a short visit to the 5th/68th Regimental Depôts.

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On Wednesday, the 22nd, the Recruit Company, at the invita-

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tion of the management of the Westgate Road Cinema, attended a "Trade Show" of the film, "Guns of Loos." The opportunity of seeing this fine film was much appreciated, and we thank the management for so kindly inviting us.

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On Thursday, the 23rd, we received a visit from Colonel D. Forster, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Deputy Military Secretary, the War Office).

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Sjt. Bowker and Cpl. Gray are shortly proceeding to Hythe for a course, and Cpl. Madgin and Lce.-Cpl. Pearson leave us on the 1st March for a drill course with the Welsh Guards.

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It is anticipated that life next month will be pretty full, as we are holding two Section Leaders' Courses for the 149th Brigade T.A. (32 vacancies each course), and also a week-end Machine Gun Course.

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A party of 20 Other Ranks, under the command of Lieut. B. T. G. Pringle, attended a Memorial Service to the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, K.T., G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., which commenced at 12.15 p.m. on 3rd February, 1928, in St. Nicholas' Cathedral.

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Arrivals and Departures.

No. 4264661 Lce.-Cpl. J. Peacock joined the Depôt on 26th January, on posting for a tour of duty.

No. 4262692 Lce.-Cpl. H. Lovatt, re-posted to 1st Battalion, 28th January, 1928, on completion of tour of duty.

No. 4252669 Lce.-Sjt. J. Matthewson and No. 7254948 Cpl. A. Watson re-posted to 1st Battalion, 17th February, 1928, on completion of tour of duty.

No. 4263353 Cpl. T. Madgin and No. 4263789 Lce.-Cpl. S. Turnbull joined Depôt 17th February, 1928, on posting for a tour of duty.

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Promotions and Appointments.

No. 4258053 Cpl. J. Annison promoted Serjeant (dated 6th February, 1928).

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Re-engagements.

No. 4256835 Sjt. W. Green re-engaged for the Northumberland Fusiliers, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 31st January, 1928, for such period as will enable him to complete 21 years with the Colours.

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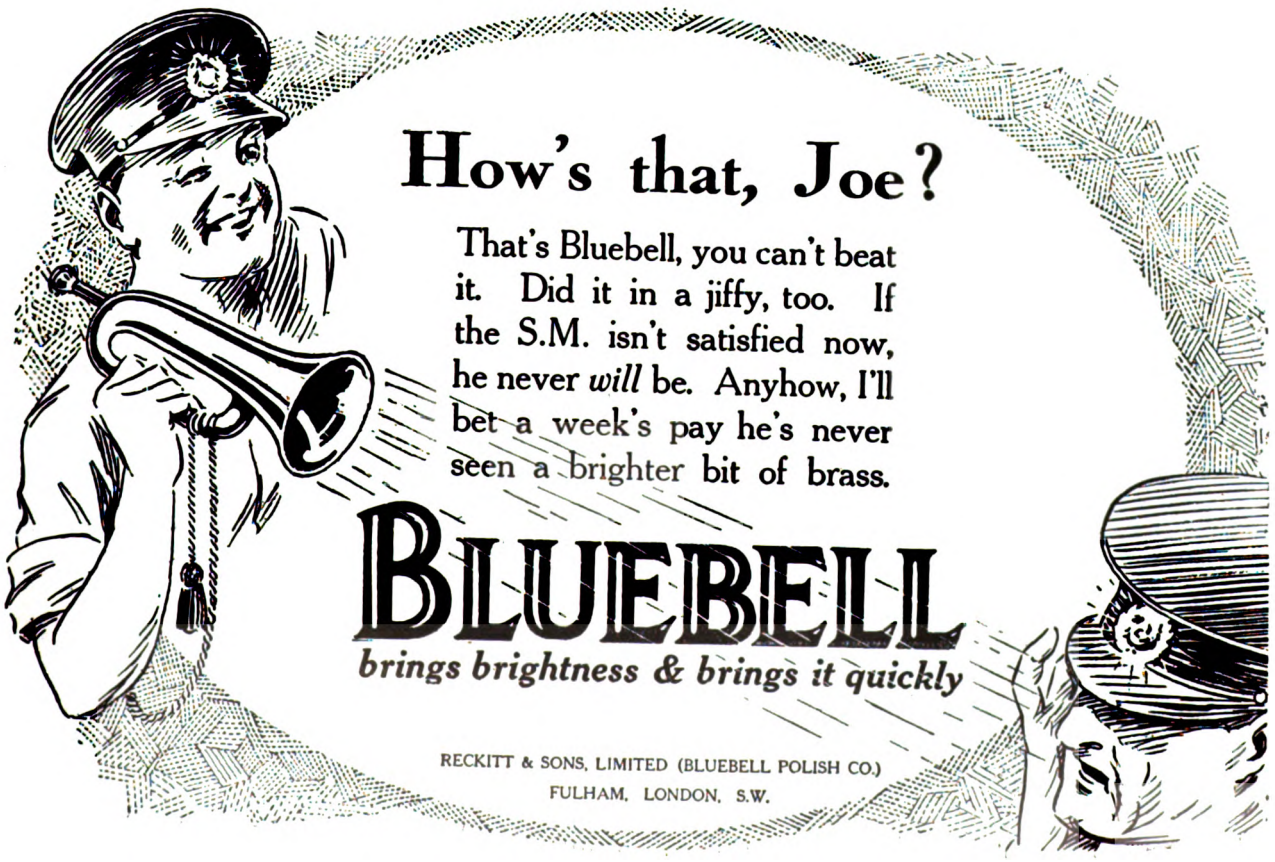
Education Certificates.

The following personnel were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education at Newcastle-on-Tyne, dated 23rd January, 1928 :—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4385867 Fus. J. W. Hampson	4265957 Fus. F. W. Hoefling
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4265942 Fus. J. Loan	4265873 Fus. W. Lawson
4265888 Fus. J. W. Metcalfe	4265883 Fus. J. J. McConnell
4265964 Fus. J. McGill	4265893 Fus. A. Philpot
4265900 Fus. L. Roper	4265956 Fus. F. J. Ross
4265953 Fus. T. W. Stokoe	4265958 Fus. W. Sinton
4265959 Fus. W. L. Wilson	4265894 Fus. G. Wilson
4265872 Fus. T. Wadley	

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Football Matches Played during the Month.

Wednesday League.

1/2/28 Depôt 5th Fusiliers *v.* 21st Field Brigade R.A. Away.
Result—Fusiliers 4, R.A. 2.

8/2/28 Depôt 5th Fusiliers *v.* Annfield Plain. Away.
Result—Fusiliers 2, Annfield Plain 4.

15/2/28 Depôt 5th Fusiliers *v.* Chopwell. Home.
Result—Fusiliers 2, Chopwell 1.

Mid-Week Cup. 3rd Round.

22/2/28 Depôt 5th Fusiliers *v.* Newcastle Tramways. Home.
Result—Fusiliers 4, Tramways 1.

Garrison League.

17/2/28 Recruits, 5th Fusiliers *v.* "Y" Bty. R.A. Home.
Result—Fusiliers 4, "Y" Bty. 2.

23/2/28 Recruits 5th Fusiliers *v.* Headquarters 21st Field Brigade R.A. Away.
Result—Fusiliers 3, H.Q. R.A. 5.

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Inter Squad Boxing Competition.

SEMI-FINALS.	FINALS.	WINNERS.
110 lbs. to 120 lbs.		
Recruit Amos (Oct.)	Amos (Oct.)	Amos (Oct.)
Recruit Francis (Jan.)	Francis (Jan.)	
120 to 130 lbs.		
Recruit Morris (Jan.)	Morris (Jan.)	Morris (Jan.)
Recruit Jenkins (Nov.)	Jenkins (Nov.)	
130 to 140 lbs.		
Recruit Allinson (Nov.)	Allinson (Nov.)	Allinson (Nov.)
Recruit McKie (Nov.)	McKie (Nov.)	
140 to 150 lbs.		
Recruit Fergusson (Nov.)	Fergusson (Nov.)	Fergusson (Nov.)
Recruit Richardson (Oct.)	Richardson (Oct.)	
150 lbs. and over.		
Recruit Gattenby (Nov.)	Gattenby (Nov.)	Gattenby (Nov.)
Recruit Wilson (Nov.)	Wilson (Nov.)	

4th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

Newburn-on-Tyne,

24th February, 1928.

IT is regretted that no Battalion notes appeared in last month's number, and we must endeavour to make up for lost time and chronicle the events of the past two months.

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The Battalion has now emerged from its state of hibernation, and Winter Training is in full swing at Newburn, Prudhoe and Haltwhistle. Classes for Section Leaders, Signallers, Machine Gunners and Transport started in early January at Newburn, and for Section Leaders at Prudhoe and Haltwhistle, and attendances have been most satisfactory. Recruits are arriving steadily, if not rapidly, but at the present rate, unless special efforts are made to obtain recruits by all members of the Battalion, we shall again go to camp very much under strength.

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The Battalion in general will be glad to hear that ten of their number are proceeding to the Depôt in March for a fortnight's Course in Cookery, so we may look forward to messing in camp being even better than last year.

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Two teams were entered for the Association Miniature Ranges Competition, which were fired at the end of January at Newburn. The results, however, were not very impressive, so will be discretely suppressed.

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Capt. Charlewood returned from York on 30th January, after attending a week's Staff Course at York, in company with the Adjutant. The latter is facing the prospect of wet days in camp with equanimity, secure in the knowledge that he can sit in comfort in the Orderly Room tent, with an Officer at hand, ready to lecture with the profoundest wisdom on any subject now exercising the minds of the higher command.

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If the law of averages is anything to go by, however, judging from the weather we have experienced for the last few years, next summer is due to be the finest on record, and we should enjoy at Marske, what we all hope for—a fine dry camp.

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On Thursday, 9th February, a dinner was given by the Officers of the Brigade in honour of our late Brigade Commander, General Morant, to afford an opportunity of bidding him good-bye and expressing our appreciation of all that he has done for the Brigade during his tour of Command.

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All available serving Officers of the Battalion were present, and we were very pleased to see Colonel C. O. P. Gibson amongst us once again.

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We congratulate Capt. Watson on his rapid recovery from his recent illness, and are glad to see him about again looking as fit as ever.

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PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Having mastered (more or less) the inscouts of the latest in Musketry Courses, we have a few moments to devote to *Gazette* notes.

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We have to welcome Sjt. Smart, who has just arrived to take over the duties of Instructor from Sjt. West, who has returned to his Battalion.

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Recruits are coming in slowly—all so far from the Hexham end of the Detachment's area ; we hope, however, that a series of Sunday afternoon Band Concerts which are being arranged will have the desired effect.

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We would remind the members of " Z " Company that, thanks to Mr. C. D. Bennett, we now have an Inter-Platoon Trophy, to be competed for annually, for general all-round efficiency ; marking in connection with this competition has already commenced.

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Winter Classes for N.C.O.'s are now in full swing, and it is pleasing to find that we are only one N.C.O. short of the vacancies allotted.

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Our Drill Hall is now fitted with electric light throughout, and it has considerably improved the place. The only work now required to make everything spick and span, is a complete repainting and rebuilding (where it is falling down).

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The method already adopted to prevent a further " falling down " has been to fill the cracks with a mud-like substance, which is blown out into the rooms on the first windy day!

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On 11th February, the Prudhoe War Memorial, taking the form of a Miner's Cottage, was opened by His Grace the Duke of Northumberland. A Guard of Honour, composed of N.C.O.'s of " Z " Company, British Legion and Boy Scouts, paraded—doubtless the numbers would have been larger but for the very cold and wet weather we were having at the time. The Ceremony being of short duration, there is really very little to relate in connection with same ; also after one has reached a certain degree of coldness one ceases to take a very intelligent interest in things.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Once again the Adjutant's reminder has stirred our correspondent from his lethargy, but at this time of the year complete silence is probably as wise a course as any.

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Nothing of interest is going on ; we have our Winter Courses, it is true, but it is hard to feel military for an hour once a week, and we must confess that at this time of the year we are essentially civilians.

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By the time these notes come to be written next month, though, we should be well under way with a new training and recruiting season, and we sincerely hope that the recruiting will go forth apace both in Haltwhistle and Haydon Bridge, and not almost entirely in the latter town, as occurred last year. In this connection we may say that a Cup has been presented to this Company by a local resident, which is to go to the best recruit of the year, together with a cash prize, and we hope that there will be plenty of competition for this very handsome trophy.

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May we take the opportunity here of thanking the donor for his very acceptable and useful present to our Company.

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At the Farewell Dinner to Colonel Morant we were represented by Captain Hare, who had a very jolly evening. It was very pleasant to see so many late C.O.'s of the various Battalions in the Brigade, such as Col. Gibson, Col. Irwin and Col. Wright.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

Serjeants' Mess.

On the 6th instant, C.S.M. Mower left us for discharge, after having served 23 years with the Colours, the last four years of which as a Permanent Staff Instructor with this Battalion.

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On his departure, the Mess presented him with a clock and a pair of vases.

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We hope that C.S.M. Mower is as successful in civil life as he was in the Service.

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C.S.M. D. Blakey, from the 1st Battalion, arrived in relief of C.S.M. Mower, and we hope that he will have a pleasant and successful stay with us.

5th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,

23rd February, 1928.

WELL, we have got down to it with a vengeance this month ; our goods and chattels from Gosforth have all been put in place, and the Mess furniture gathered from Institutes, Mechanic Halls, Furniture Depositories, and the like. Quartermaster, Subalterns, and the R.S.M. were mobilised under the command of the P.M.C., and the pictures (for Heaven's sake don't scratch that wall!), furniture and Mess beer all quietly moved into their allotted places, and behold! we are ready.

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Result—two new recruits with æsthetic tastes.

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The event of the month was the re-opening of the Drill Hall itself. This took place on Monday, the 20th, and was preceded by a Mess Dinner at Tilley's Restaurant, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The guest of the evening was Lieut.-General Sir

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Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., G.O.C.-in-Chief, Northern Command. Among those present were Sir Reginald S. May, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel on the Staff i/c Adm., Northern Command ; Major-General Sir George N. Cory, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., G.O.C. 50th Northumbrian Division ; Colonel Sir Francis D. Blake, C.B., Chairman of the Northumberland Territorial Army Association ; and Captain A. L. Napier, O.B.E. ; Colonel W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., Commanding 149th Infantry Brigade ; Colonel Arnold Irwin, D.S.O., T.D. (former Commanding Officer) ; the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., and Officers of the Battalion.

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In formally opening the Drill Hall, General Shute congratulated us on our altered Drill Hall, which he mentioned was one of the oldest in the country. He reminded us that we belonged to an old Battalion, and enjoined us to worthily maintain the traditions of the past. A vote of thanks to Sir Cameron D. Shute was very neatly and aptly proposed by Gen. Sir George N. Cory and seconded by Sir Francis Blake, who paid a tribute to the valuable services rendered by Captain Napier, the Secretary of the County Territorial Association.

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The Regimental prizes were then presented by Mrs. Anderson, wife of the Commanding Officer.

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The proceedings were then terminated with a dance, the fun waxing fast and furious.

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Since last month's notes, the Officers' Tactical Exercise at Hexham, the Junior Officers' Course, and the other various Courses have come and gone, leaving those concerned, we hope, wiser and richer (in knowledge or otherwise).

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Our retreat (pardon—retirement) from a position on the Roman Wall (Chassimy Ridge) across the Bridge at Chollerford (Vailly) up to the heights beyond (Chemin des Dames Plateau), was a great success. The retirement was carried out in bounds, the one to Chollerford (Battalion Headquarters, George Hotel) being very skilfully and rapidly executed under a heavy fire of questions).

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The Bridge was successfully blown up by Capt. Sharpe, O.B.E., and Capt. Winter, M.C., of the Tyne Electrical Engineers (T.A.), who attended specially for this purpose. Our thanks are due to Major R. M. Graham, M.C., of the 72nd Field Brigade, Royal Artillery, whose heavy bombardment of the enemy enabled us to get away to the Aid Post at Chollerford, where the M.O. and the Adjutant had ordered certain recuperative tonics to be in readiness for the sick and the wounded. Throughout the action, liason was perfect, contact with Major G. L. Bradley, of the 4th Bn. N.F., on our left, being established at 21.00 hours in the Hydro Winter Gardens.

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Sunday was Subalterns' Day, and what a day! Thanks to Mr. Spencer, an Outpost Platoon was firmly established, but the Company mule got lost, ammunition went West, fires were lit, the Quartermaster dirtied the drinking water on purpose. Curious thing, everyone remembered the R.A.P. Must be something in it. In addition the carburetter of one car was flooded with water while fording a stream, and it is rumoured one Company Commander actually got his socks wet through getting out to push.

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During the week-end we had the opportunity of meeting our new Brigade Commander, Colonel W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O. His remarks were of a very helpful nature, and what we liked specially were his very apt illustrations, which were exceedingly helpful to those who were not war veterans.

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We have to report an increase in strength of one on the feminine side, and take this opportunity of congratulating Captain and Mrs. Leete, and of welcoming Miss Leete into the Battalion.

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We regret to announce the retirement from the Active List of Lieut. R. H. Rooksby, who becomes Captain in the Reserve. Capt. Rooksby joined us in November, 1923, having previously served in the Tyne Electrical Engineers (T.A.) with the rank of Captain. He will be greatly missed at Ponteland, and his retirement is a loss to our Battalion shooting.

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During 1927, Capt. Rooksby won the Long Distance Cup, the Officers' Cup, the Battalion Shell, and the Past and Present Members' Competition. We wish him the best of luck, and hope he will visit us now and again.

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This month several changes take place. Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., from Command of " D " Company, becomes O.C. Headquarter Wing ; and Capt. G. M. I. Stanley takes his place as O.C. " D " Company. Lieut. D. E. Rowe, from " B " Company, is posted to No. 2 Group (M.G. Platoon), Headquarter Wing.

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Our strength to-day is 18 Officers and 470 Other Ranks.

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We welcome our 2nd Battalion M.O., Lieut. N. R. Rawson, R.A.M.C., T.A., who now completes our establishment of R.A.M.C. attached Officers, and whom we are pleased to see among us.

6th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
27th February, 1928.

THE last month has been a strenuous one from both the training and sporting point of view.

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The course of the Warrant Officers, Serjeants and Senior N.C.O.'s, under R.S.M. O'Hara, was concluded at the end of January, and was an unqualified success. The regularity of attendance, the keenness shown and the efficiency produced at the end of the course were a credit to all concerned, and is showing its good results with the Section Leader's courses which are now in progress and which are also being very well attended and should bear good fruit when Platoon Training begins in April.

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This year we are supposed to have finished Platoon Training before we go to camp, which has now been definitely fixed to take place at Marske between the 24th June and the 8th July.

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A Staff ride was held at Hexham, on Saturday and Sunday, the 11th and 12th February, the venue being the high ground to the west of Chollerford Bridge, and the scheme comprised a rear-guard action, action based on a time-table to enable a defensive position to be taken up to the east of Chollerford Bridge by a defending force.

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Every Officer put in an appearance and most of the Warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s came out by 'bus on the Sunday, and, although the day was cold, the scheme was voted a success and most useful discussion ensued.

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We had the benefit of our new Brigadier, who was with us from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and gave us much useful advice and practical hints. Another scheme is to be arranged later.

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During the month there has been the Corporals' Dance, which was very well attended ; and also another Whist Drive, at which nearly 90 turned up and the prizes were very kindly given away by Mrs. Parmeter at the close of the proceedings.

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On the 28th January, Miss Winifred Wilkinson and the "Northern Lights" gave a performance to the Battalion, free *gratis*, and it was much appreciated. The caste included our Adjutant, Capt. Bennett, Mr. Pringle and Mr. Holdsworth Hunt, of the Depôt, and we are very grateful for the considerable trouble everyone took to make the performance such a success. The performance was also given on the two previous nights, for the benefit of local charities, and we understand that a sum of some £75 was netted.

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We congratulate the two teams that entered for the Territorial Miniature Range Championship of Northumberland, "B" team being second, and "A" team third.

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The teams were not so successful in the "Chipchase" Challenge Cup, taking only 10th and 11th places.

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We are still of opinion that the shooting of the Battalion is capable of great improvement, but whether this can now be accomplished owing to the issue of ammunition being cut down, is doubtful, but there is no reason why an effort should not be made to obtain greater efficiency.

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We are glad to congratulate the boxing team on the excellent performances they put up at the 50th Divisional T.A. Boxing Tournament, held at Darlington, on the 17th and 18th February.

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We were able to produce a greater number of boxers than any individual Unit, and we are glad to say that we won the finals, Fus. Gullon beating Fus. Lonergan in the Fly-Weight final, and Fus. Mulligan beating Fus. Gordon in the Feather-Weight final. Both of these Fusiliers will compete in the Territorial Championship to be held in London on the 14th and 15th March, as well as Fus. J. W. Bell. Fusiliers Lonergan and W. Gordon have been picked as reserves.

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The following also distinguished themselves :—Fus. A. Bell being beaten in the Light-Weight semi-final, and Lce.-Sjt. J. Welsh and Fuslrs. R. Richardson and J. W. Bell being beaten in the semi-final of the Welter-Weights.

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Lce.-Cpl. A. Hugh was beaten in the Middle-Weight semi-final.

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By their performance, the team carried off the Divisional Championship and Cup by the high margin of 21 points, the results being as follows :—

6th Bn. Northd. Fus.	..	..	54 pts.
6th Bn. D.L.I.	..	..	33 ,,
9th Bn. D.L.I.	..	..	33 ,,
5th Bn. D.L.I.	..	..	15 ,,

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Major-Gen. Sir George Cory, who gave away the prizes, congratulated the 6th Battalion on its splendid fight and made special reference to the extraordinary good fight put up by Fus. Lonergan, who had a badly damaged eye. Lce.-Sjt. Welsh also showed the true Fusilier spirit and grit and fought himself to the proverbial standstill.

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Great credit is due to Capt. Bell and his Boxing Committee and the R.S.M. and Adjutant for training the men and making all arrangements.

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We hope that the team will put up a good show against the *Helicon* next month.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

24th February, 1928.

THESE notes cannot be expected to reach their usual brilliance. Our permanent correspondent is doing "big business" just now, and has passed the stylo to a very unworthy understudy. In 25 years of Weapon Training of one kind and another, the handling of a pen as a weapon of offence has been overlooked. And now that the fleeting opportunity presents itself the writer finds himself incapable of giving to the world the home truths regarding his friends which for years have travailled his innards.

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Meanwhile the magnate who should be doing this job goes his way "putting over" big deals. He was last heard of trying to unload a tin alarm clock on to the Depôt Commander—an unpromising market.

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The Annual Battalion Dinner is being held at the White Swan Hotel, Alnwick, on Thursday, 26th April, at 7.30 p.m. Any Old Officer desirous of being present, who reads this and has not had an invitation, please communicate with the P.M.C., at Headquarters, Alnwick. It is hoped that the numbers attending will be even greater than last year.

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The Battalion is slowly coming out of its winter sleep. Section Leaders, Machine Gunners, Signallers, Range Takers have appeared coyly on the surface, and are attending Voluntary Courses in Drill Halls fairly regularly. Odd Officers and N.C. Officers disappear to Catterick or the Depôt on courses of various kinds—some for two days, some for a month. It takes a spot of organization to work it all in without interfering with the regular output of lambs, the hewing of coal, the selling of clocks and the winter sports in Switzerland. Its a funny Army. One Officer proposes in March to fit a Vickers Gun Course in between riding his father's horses at the Catterick Bridge Meeting.

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We want 100 recruits. Any dealer able to satisfy our requirements is requested to despatch them to Amble or Berwick, correctly labelled and packed in bundles of 10. At Ashington and Morpeth recruiting goes fairly well, and even at Alnwick a livelier interest in T.A. affairs is appearing. With Mr. Middlemas as a decoy in the miniature range, the birds are slowly drifting in.

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And talking of miniature ranges reminds us that Alnwick thinks it has rather a hot score in the County "Chipchase" Competition. We hesitate to give the figure lest one twice as big should appear in the column devoted to the somewhat puerile stuff written by one of our hated rivals. But we await the result with hopeful trepidation.

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At a dinner held in Newcastle on 9th February, we said "good-bye" to Brigadier-General H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., who has so ably commanded the 149th Infantry Brigade for four years. We shall miss his kindly humour and his unfailing helping hand.

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There are no boxers in the 7th Battalion. This, of course, has always been realised, and there were no offers for sacrifice at the 50th Divisional Tournament at Darlington, on 17th/18th February. However, in response to a moving appeal by Division a few days before the show, a beat-up was organised through the pit villages occupied by this Battalion. Up to this time the Division could find few entrants above 3 stone 2 lbs., and our hated rivals can produce this sort in droves.

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So we found 3 "he" men, and hastily despatched them to the decisive theatre.

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Fus. Fletcher weighs 11 st. 6 lbs., and he fought in the 12 st. 6 lbs. Class. Fletcher, of course, won his weight and returned to Pegswood with a Cup the size of a coal box. The other entrants, Nichol and Jackson, also put up a good show.

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We hope this will be the starting point from which boxing interest in the Battalion may be revived. Talent exists if it is found and encouraged. Fletcher represents the 50th Division at the Stadium on 14th/15th March.

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Strength—Officers, 20; Other Ranks, 553.

ASHINGTON NOTES.

Training has started once more at Ashington. Recruit and Section Leaders' Classes making three busy nights a week.

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The Permanent Staff started a Squad of 20 recruits the last week in January, and it is making good progress.

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Two teams were entered for the Miniature Range Competition organised by the Northumberland Rifle Association, the result of which is not yet known, but according to information received we shall be amongst the "also ran"—better luck next time.

BERWICK NOTES.

Section Leading, Machine Gun and Range Finding Courses are in full swing at Company Headquarters, and are being well attended.

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The Miniature Range Competition for the "Volunteer Serjeants" and "Chipchase" Trophies were fired off on the 31st January, and some good scores were registered, especially in the "Chipchase" Competition.

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Serjt. Taylor, Fuslrs. Matthews, Ray and Storey are to be congratulated on their very fine scores.

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We should like to thank Capt. J. Darling, 4th Bn. K.O.S. Borderers, the umpire, and the Serjeants of the Depôt K.O.S.B., who assisted, for the manner in which this shoot was conducted.

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Recruiting for the month has not been very satisfactory, but we hope to be able to report better progress in the near future.

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C.S.M. R. W. O'Connor and Serjt. Patterson represented the Detachment at a Dance held by the Depôt K.O.S. Borderers, on the 17th, and from what we hear they had a real good time and appreciated very much indeed the invitation to this function,

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Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD.

February, 1928.

THE Assistant Editor of *The Faugh-a-Ballagh*, the Journal of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, has very kindly sent us the following epitaph copied from a tombstone in Kilbarron Churchyard, Ballyshannon :—

" Returned to its native Earth
lieth
All that was mortal of
LIEUT. TAAFFE MCGAURAN,
late of Northumberland Regt. of Fencible Infantry.
He fell in a duel on the
2nd of March, 1802, in the 23rd year
of his age.

If the esteem and regret of his brother officers who have erected this stone to his memory could assist his soul in its flight to Heaven its ascent must have been rapid and its reception good."

We have no record of an Officer of this name in the Regiment in any of the Histories in our possession, but as he was only 23, and had already retired, it is possible that his name did not appear in the Army Lists.

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May we call the attention of the domestic portion of our reading clientele to the competition now being run by Hollandia Milk, whose advertisement with conditions of entry appears in the January issue.

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We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926. 10/- each.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C.
Mr. J. Wilde

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Subscriptions due in March :—

Mrs. Carr-Ellison
Lieut. H. Hopper
Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C.
Colonel G. Reavell
Mr. J. Twigg
Lieut. K. O. N. Foster

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

Fifth Annual Report (1927).

THE past year has again been one of continued progress and prosperity for the Association, which will now compare favourably in membership, activities, and organization with similar regimental societies, though its headquarters are in London—some 270 miles from the Depôt of the Regiment, and far away from its main recruiting areas.

Membership.—The membership now numbers 340 of all ranks and sexes, made up as follows :—Officers 74, Other Ranks (including Honorary Members) 163, Lady Members (wives and relatives of past and present Fusiliers) 103. Unfortunately too many names have had to be struck off the roll under Rule 54 during the year, owing to arrears of subscriptions. Many of these cases are of a temporary nature, and it is hoped that a large percentage of the men concerned will rejoin the Association.

St. George's Day.—The Annual Ball was held on the evening of 23rd April, at the Headquarters of the Royal Corps of Signals, London Division T.A., Calthorpe Street, W.C. 1. Over 300 members and guests attended, and dancing was kept up until a late hour to the music of an excellent band.

The usual St. George's Day muster took place on the Horse Guards Parade, on the following morning, Sunday, 24th April, when the members marched to the Cenotaph in Whitehall, where a wreath decorated with the Colours of the Regiment was deposited by Major-General T. D. Pilcher, C.B. ; 200 members were on parade, most of whom attended a rendezvous afterwards at the Headquarters of the Corps of Commissionaires, in the Strand. At both these functions all present wore red and white roses, which also formed part of the decorative scheme of the ballroom on the night of the 23rd.

Re-Union Dinner.—The Annual Re-Union Dinner was held at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on the night of Armistice Day, 11th November. Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel of the Regiment and Patron of the Association, presided, and more than 210 members and guests attended. A full report of the speeches and the arrangements appeared in the *St. George's Gazette*. The Colonel of the Regiment has presided at all the Re-Union Dinners hitherto held by the Association, and the President and Committee would like to put on record the deep appreciation felt by all members of the Association for so striking a proof of its Patron's interest in its welfare and progress.

Entertainments.—Dances and other entertainments were organized throughout the year at the Veterans' Club.

Employment Section.—Employment has been found for five applicants among the members, and 22 have registered, a number of whom are men who have just left the Colours. All members who are themselves in work are earnestly invited to help their fellow Fusiliers in securing positions, and at once to intimate to the Hon. Secretary any vacancies of which they know.

Assistance and Advice.—Thirty-four cases were dealt with during the year, for 25 of which assistance was obtained.

The Association has received great assistance and co-operation from the Officers Commanding the 1st and 2nd Battalions and the Depôt, who furnish all men about to be discharged and likely to reside in the South of England, with full particulars of its address and activities. The Officers of all Battalions of the Regiment, Regular, Militia, Territorial and Service, con-

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tinued to render valued and unstinted support to the Association.

It is to be regretted that the attendance of members at the four general meetings and at many of the dances and entertainments has not been so good as in previous years. The strength of the Association lies in the fidelity of its members, and all ranks are asked to show their interest and loyalty by improved attendance on such occasions.

Deaths.—The following deaths occurred among members during the year :—Mr. J. Catchpole (late Colour-Serjeant), Mr. C. H. Day (late Transport Serjeant), and Mrs. G. Redhead, wife of Mr. G. Redhead (late Regimental-Serjeant-Major). In each case a wreath was sent, tied with the Regimental Colours, and the Association was represented at the funeral.

The Association would like to place on record the splendid work of the following during the past year in furthering the Association :—The President (Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes), Vice-President (W. Lees, Esq.), Treasurer (Col. D. Sapte), the Chairman of Committee (Capt. J. T. Rowland), the Committee (Major W. M. Allan, Mr. G. Maydon, Mr. Geo. Redhead, Mr. J. A. Jeffs, Mr. W. H. Matthews, Mr. F. W. H. Maunder, Mrs. M. Broad), Mr. H. I. Morgan (Hon. Secretary) and his Assistant, Mrs. H. I. Morgan ; also Mr. J. Weston, who has been our M.C. at all our Dances.

Arrangements are already being made for the Parade and Wreath Ceremony at the Cenotaph on Sunday, 22nd April, 1928 ; also the Celebration of St. George's Day ; and it is hoped that the Committee will be able to inform members of their programme in the near future.

Re-Union Dinner, 10th November, 1928. As some 210 members were present at the last Dinner, it has been found necessary to book a larger rendezvous, which has resulted in arrangements being made to hold it at an entirely new hotel, The Royal, Southampton Row, W.C. 1, with accommodation for 300. This early notification is given in order that all members can book the dates of both events.

Press notifications of the fixtures of the Association are now published regularly in the following papers :—*The People, The News of the World, The Referee, The Monthly Army List, The British Legion, The St. George's Gazette.*

Lieut.-Col. C. P. HAWKES, *President.*

H. I. MORGAN, *Hon. Secretary.*

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1927.

INCOME.

	£ s. d.
By Subscriptions, Officers (through Treasurer, £68 5s. 6d. ; through Secretary, £1 10s.) ..	69 15 6
,, Subscriptions, Other Ranks (through Secretary)	21 5 0
,, Special Grant from 3rd Battalion	15 3 10
,, Hon. Treasurer, Bank Charges	0 1 6
,, Sales of Badges from Stock	1 2 6
,, Sales of Roses from Stock	2 8 9
	£109 17 1

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Bank Charges		0 0 6
,, St. George's Day Roses, Stock A/c.		3 12 0
,, St. George's Day Expenses ..	20 5 8	
Less Tickets sold	2 12 0	
		17 13 8
,, Annual Dinner Expenses ..	54 8 0	
Less Tickets sold	48 15 0	
		5 13 0
,, General Meeting Expenses ..	23 1 0	
Less Tickets sold	2 7 0	
		20 14 0
,, Printing and Stationery ..		15 5 2
,, Postage, Telephone, etc. ..		12 13 10½
,, Miscellaneous Expenses, viz. :—		
Balance due to Secretary, 1/1/27	2 4 11	
Cost of Typewriter	5 10 0	
Loss on sale of *St. George's Gazette*	1 9 0	
Advertising	0 12 0	
Wreaths (deceased Comrades)	1 17 0	
Fares, etc.	1 12 7	
Carbons and Sundries ..	0 12 9	
Grants, Tobacco, etc.— Veterans	0 15 6	
Secretary's Honorarium — 3 months	2 10 0	
		17 3 9
,, Balance, being excess of Income over Expenditure for the year 1927		17 1 1½
		£109 17 1

BALANCE SHEET TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1927.

LIABILITIES.

	£ s. d.
Due to Hon. Secretary	0 18 2½
To Balance Credit of Fund	84 15 1½
	£85 13 4

ASSETS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash at Bank	71 19 7	
Cash with Hon. Treasurer	0 0 6	
		72 0 1
Stock of Roses		1 17 9
Stock of Badges		5 0 6
Typewriter		5 10 0
Printing Set		0 5 0
Stationery		1 0 0
		£85 13 4

D. SAPTE, *Colonel,*
Hon. Treasurer,

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We hereby certify the above Income and Expenditure Account to be in accordance with the Books, Vouchers and Pass Book.

(Signed) CLINCKETT OLIVE AND CO.,
Accountants and Auditors.

44, BEDFORD ROW,
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19th January, 1928.

"A CHANCE MEETING."

THE following account of a chance meeting of three Fifth Fusiliers at Ascension Island may, we think, perhaps interest your readers. It seemed strange indeed to two of us (Leverson and Gibson) to meet a third fellow officer in our own Regiment on a small island in the South Atlantic. But no doubt it seemed still more strange to Salier to meet us two at this lonely spot.

We two were on board ship sailing for Cape Town, for health and sunshine. Our ship was at anchor off Ascension Island. We were idly watching a few people from the island coming on board from their launches, perhaps thinking of nothing more important than when the lunch bugle would sound, when to our astonishment we espied Salier, looking a picture of health, coming up the gangway from his launch. And warm were our greetings to one another as will be imagined. Salier, holding an appointment under the Colonial Office at St. Helena, was on a duty visit for a month or so to Ascension Island. These were the circumstances of this unexpected and happy meeting. Our ship was only making a short stay, so we had but two hours together. We started by a mere chat in the bar, as is the way of places in the sun, and here we met other distinguished Ascensians. We then set off for the shore with Salier in his launch. He seems ever a magnate with launches and other convenient things wherever he goes! We thought then, perhaps not unnaturally, that he would have, too, every convenience for landing ashore as well. But in this we made an error; for instead of some such thing as a hoped-for landing stage, we were faced with, first a small dinghy to get into, and then the sheer face of a rock with a small flight of stone steps cut in it, which one reached or not as the case might be, depending on the kindness of the waves, and a rope to catch hold of if you could. But there was yet another means of getting ashore—a basket let down from a derrick. In this Leverson essayed the ascent in preference to the sheer face of the rock. And to see him hanging on for dear life, being borne up in a basket from the dinghy to a height of at least 60 feet, and then deposited on shore, his pipe still going, was a most amusing sight to those of us who were safely ashore on terra firma. All at last safely ashore, we enjoyed the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Wood, at their charming bungalow.

On extricating ourselves from the island, for our return to the ship, the sea was fortunately kind to us. So all went well, and Mrs. Wood and Salier lunched with us on board. Soon the hour for parting came. Salier departed in his launch for the shore, and we in our ship for the open sea again. So ended a very happy meeting.

But it must not be forgotten to record a strange incident in connection with this unexpected meeting of three Fifth Fusiliers in so out of the world a spot. The previous night Salier, while playing bridge, had been consistently cutting fives, on which they had all remarked. And as though in expectation of something in consequence happening, he had that morning donned his Regimental tie to come on board, not having, he tells us, worn a tie for more than a month.

GRAMOPHONE NOTES.

Mischa Levitzki.

A famous pianist makes his debut on Gramophone records in the list of new "His Master's Voice" records for mid-February. This is Mischa Levitzki, a pianist comparatively new to this country, but with a considerable reputation on the Continent and in America. For his first record he has played the 6th of Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsodies—one of the most brilliant of them all. We wish particularly to draw your attention to the extraordinary fine tone of this record, especially with regard to the sonority of the reproduction.

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Maartje Offers.

This superb mezzo-soprano makes her first appearance in England this month, though her "His Master's Voice" records have been known for several years now. She is unquestionably one of the greatest living mezzo-sopranos, and has had ample testimony of the admiration of some of the most prominent judges of the day. Toscanini, you may remember, revived "Samson and Delilah" for her at the La Scala, Milan. This record will be doubly welcome, for there are very few recorded versions of the dashing "Bohemian" song with its tra-la-la refrain, from "Carmen."

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Casals as a Conductor.

Casals makes his Gramophone "debut" as a conductor with three very fine records of Brahms' "Variations on a Theme by Haydn." Much of the superb finish and smooth phrasing that characterises his playing as a 'cellist are reproduced in his performance as a conductor. The work—Brahms' first important essay in the Orchestral field—is recorded here in full, all repeats being fully observed. This is the first time, we believe, that this important work has been recorded.

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Choir of the Temple Church.

The excellence of the training of the Temple Church Choir under Mr. Thalben Ball has resulted in their records being amongst the finest (and most popular) of their type in existence.

We think you will agree that their latest record is truly magnificent. It was recorded actually in the Temple Church itself.

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Something New from Jack Smith.

Your attention is specially drawn to the two Jack Smith records contained on the mid-February Supplement of "His Master's Voice" records. They represent something that has not been done on Gramophone records before. The famous Whispering Baritone sings as usual, but there is the additional attraction of a "Whispering Orchestra." The result is so attractive that we believe the records will set a new "recording" fashion. Two of the records are genuinely "whispering" records—delightfully intimate and subdued. If you listen to them in real quietness you will find them truly delightful.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

1927.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dec. 31—To Printing and Publishing	491 17 2	
„ Block Striking ..	49 3 1	
„ Donations	10 0 0	
„ Editorial Expenses (including Postages, Stationery, Audit Fee, etc.)	77 16 1	
„ Depreciation of Furniture	10 0 0	
		638 16 4
„ Profit for year transferred to Balance Sheet		354 7 8
		£993 4 0

1927.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dec. 31—By Subscriptions and Donations	170 16 10	
„ Bound Volumes ..	16 16 6	
„ *Gazette* Sales	472 15 1	
„ Advertisements ..	316 17 6	
		977 5 11
„ Deposit Interest ..		15 18 1
		£993 4 0

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
CREDITORS—		
Subscriptions paid in advance ..	45 15 4	
Printing, Blocks, etc.	46 9 0	
Sundries	17 2 10	
Postages and Stationery	3 3 4	
Amount due to Editor for services for year to date, as per agreement	354 7 8	
		466 18 2
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT—		
Balance as at 31st December, 1926	676 0 9	
Add: Profit for year ending 31st December, 1927, from Income and Expenditure Account	354 7 8	
	1,030 8 5	
Less: Amount due to Editor for services for year to date, as per agreement ..	354 7 8	
		676 0 9
		£1,142 18 11

ASSET.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
DEBTORS—		
For *Gazettes* and Postages ..	19 7 6	
„ Subscriptions	5 6 0	
„ Advertisements	155 2 6	
„ Bound Volumes	2 10 0	
		182 6 0
FURNITURE, ETC.—as last	15 0 0	
Less: Depreciation	10 0 0	
		5 0 0
CASH AT BANK—		
Current Account	355 12 11	
Deposit Account	600 0 0	
		955 12 11
		£1,142 18 11

Audited and certified correct in accordance with the books.

GILLESPIE BROTHERS & Co.,
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13th February, 1928.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

No. 543.] **Saturday, 31st March, 1928.** **[Vol. XLVI.**

THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,

PRESTON CROWMARSH,

NEAR WALLINGFORD,

31st March, 1928.

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We beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of copies of the following papers:—

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"The Sapper"
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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following is seconded :—Lieut. I. J. Kilgour, for service as an Assistant Instructor at a Small Arms School (dated 4th February).

Obituary.

COLONEL C. G. C. MONEY, C.B.

WE regret to have to record the death of Colonel C. G. C. Money, C.B., which took place at Cheltenham, on 29th February, after six months' illness.

Charles Gilbert Colvin Money was a son of the late Gilbert Pocklington Money, of the Bengal Civil Service, and was born in 1852. Educated at Harrow and Sandhurst, he joined the 14th Foot in 1872, but in the same year transferred to the 5th Foot, and eventually rose to command the 1st Battalion, in 1897.

For nearly four years he was Adjutant of his Battalion, and at a later period was Adjutant of the Tower Hamlets Rifle Volunteers. He served with the FIFTH in the Nile Expedition of 1898, and for his services at the Battle of Khartoum and throughout the campaign was awarded the C.B.. He also commanded the 1st Battalion during the occupation of Crete, 1898–99.

For more than two years he commanded the 1st Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers in the South African War, taking part in the advance to the Relief of Kimberley, including the battles at Belmont, Enslin, Modder River and Magersfontein, and in subsequent general operations in the Transvaal and Orange Free State. His Medal had five clasps, and he was rewarded with brevet promotion to the rank of Colonel. On returning home he was placed in command of the 24th (Brecon) Regimental District, and was next made Colonel in Charge of Infantry Records of the South Midland District at Warwick. He was placed on retired pay in 1907, and then from 1908 to 1922 was Secretary to the Brecknock Territorial Force Association. He finally retired to Cheltenham about five years ago.

Colonel Money, who was one of the earlier Editors of the *St. George's Gazette*, is survived by his wife, a daughter of the late Alexander Johnston, of the Bengal Civil Service, but their only child, Major Arthur Money, of the King's Own Baluchi Infantry, Indian Army, after being twice wounded in France during the Great War, lost his life while on service in East Africa, in December, 1926. To his widow we beg to tender our deepest sympathy in her loss, which is shared by all who served with her gallant husband.

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,
March, 1928.

THE month of March bids fair to break all rainfall records, and this fact is seriously interfering with both work and play. "W" and "X" Companies' Company Training consists of a considerable amount of indoor work, which is unsatisfactory, and the sand-tables are being overworked.

The study and discussion of the "Waterloo Campaign" is now over, and the Army Council have kindly given us plenty of notice by publishing the campaign to be studied next winter. We have to thank Captain Pemberton, Mr. Butterfield and Mr. Bolster for three very able and interesting discourses, and we hope that the Officer who said the only Waterloo he knew was a station, and the only Wellington he knew was the name for a type of boot, has learnt their other meanings at long last.

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During the last month we have won the Northern Ireland District Boxing Team Championship and the Cross-Country Championship, thus winning these events for the third and second times running respectively.

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On the 22nd March we lost to the 1st Bn. Sherwood Foresters, by 4 goals to 3 on a water-logged ground, in the final of the Northern Ireland District Association Football Championship. Full accounts of these events will be found elsewhere, including photographs of a friendly "rugger" match with the 1st Bn. West Yorkshire Regiment, at Hollywood ; as will be seen, the ground was water-logged and the game almost looks like one of water-polo.

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Lce.-Cpl. Latimer is to be congratulated on being the first man home in the Cross-Country Team Championship, for the second year in succession.

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Thanks are due to Captain Scanlon and Mr. Carr-Ellison for the great interest and trouble they have taken in the training of the teams for the running and boxing respectively.

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The Boxing Team meet the 1st Bn. Royal Scots at Glasgow on the 5th April, in the first round of the Army Team Championships, and we feel sure will give a very good account of themselves.

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The Tug-of-War Team is hard at work training under Capt. Pemberton, and are competing in the Northern Ireland District Bronze Medal Tournament, at Belfast, on the 3rd April. They hope, and so do we, to eventually reach Olympia once again.

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A draft of 29 Other Ranks is arriving from the Depôt on the 24th March, and will be posted to "Y" Company. We understand that Captain Hogshaw is conducting this draft, and the few of us who know him will be very glad to see him once again.

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We expect to see a serious and domesticated "Piggy," as befits the married state.

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Captain Powell is on three weeks' leave at Christchurch—the Hampshire one—and can no doubt be seen taking his morning "hops" in company with the long-suffering and much-maligned "Victor," and discussing with his solicitor his case for slander against the writer of these notes.

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The Point-to-Point Races take place at Bright on the 24th March—a full account of this great event will be found in next month's notes.

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Capt. Seth-Smith, last year's winner of the Cup presented

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by Brigadier-General C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., has been ill with jaundice, but hopes to be able to compete.

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Three or four Officers are crossing to Aintree for the "National," and may even take part in the revelries at the "Adelphi Grand" afterwards—boats and finances permitting.

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Our next move—to York—has been announced officially, and we are glad that the Londonderry rumour is "a lying jade." This is the first time the Battalion has been stationed in York, and we hope both the Battalion and the city will benefit thereby.

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Since the last notes were written we have been brought partially up-to-date, inasmuch as one Company ("Z") has been converted into a Machine Gun Company. We say "partially," as until we are organised on a basis of 1 Tank Company, 1 Gas Company, 1 Machine Gun Company, 1 Armoured Rifleman Company, and 1 Anti-Tank Company, we feel we shall not be quite up-to-date; still, as long as we are not asked to call ourselves "The Northumberland Tankeliers" or "The Northumberland Gasoliers" or "The Northumberland Aeroliers," we do not mind.

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Major Foster has returned from leave, and has been commanding during the absence of Colonel Herbert on ten days' leave.

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We heartily welcome Mr. Enderby and Mr. Hobbs, who have joined from Sandhurst. Mr. Enderby is the son of Colonel Enderby, who was commanding the 2nd Battalion on the outbreak of war, and who took it to France.

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Major Foster, Captain Sutherland, Mr. Carr-Ellison and Mr. Beckwith attended an Evening Party given by their Graces the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, on the 17th March.

NORTHERN IRELAND DISTRICT FOOTBALL CUP.

The final game in the above competition took place on the Cliftonville Ground, Belfast, on Wednesday, 21st March, our opponents being 1st Bn. Sherwood Foresters. After five days of more or less incessant rain, the ground was a sea of mud, the only choice in ends being that one goal mouth was somewhat drier than the other.

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In the first half, the FIFTH were playing into the drier end. After a few minutes' play the FIFTH scored in characteristic style through Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, who kicked the ball ahead, beat the opposing backs by sheer pace, and put in a shot which gave the goalkeeper no chance.

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A little more than half-way through the first half a further score was added by Fus. Kellet.

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During the first half of the game, although the Foresters did their fair share of pressing, the FIFTH were undoubtedly the better side.

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Half-time—Fifth Fusiliers 2, Foresters 0.

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The Foresters started off the second half in bustling style, and for some time kept our defence very busy. After a few minutes' play Lce.-Cpl. Dennison, in tackling an opponent in the slippery mud in front of goal, fell, and his opponent fell over him. A penalty was awarded, and although the FIFTH goalkeeper, Fus. Cornwall, got his hands to the ball, it was too slippery for him to hold, and the Foresters scored.

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Still pressing hard, the Foresters added a further goal, which struck the upright and from there bounced into the far corner of the net.

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The FIFTH pressed in their turn, and although good openings were made, they found it as hard to score at the heavy end as the Foresters had done in the first half.

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Back came the Foresters, pressing hard, and scored two more goals. Twenty minutes before time the score was thus 4—2 in favour of the Foresters. From now until the end of the game, the FIFTH rallied splendidly, and in spite of the heavy ground put in several excellent shots at the Foresters' goal.

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Lce.-Cpl. Taylor scored for the FIFTH, and the excitement was intense. In spite, however, of their great rally, they were unable to equalise, and the Foresters eventually won 4—3, or, in other words, by the penalty goal.

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It was certainly a great game to watch, and if anything we were a little unlucky to lose. In front of goal our forwards were more dangerous than their opponents—in fact, for every really good shot at goal by the Foresters, our forwards made two, and if any one individual was responsible for our defeat it was the Foresters' goalkeeper, who played throughout a magnificent game.

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Both teams are to be congratulated on the high standard of football displayed under the most wretched ground and weather conditions imaginable.

RUGBY NOTES.

Since our last notes we have only played two Battalion matches, both of them against the West Yorkshire Regiment.

The first, played at Ballykinlar, resulted in a win for the West

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Yorks. by two goals to a goal; and in the second, at Hollywood, we were beaten by 14 points to 5. We were without several

of our regular players in both these matches, and greatly felt the loss of Mr. Kilgour and Mr. Butterfield outside the scrum.

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The forwards, with practice, should settle down into a really useful pack, as they have plenty of dash and vigour, but are still inclined to kick too hard in the loose, and the heeling is still slow. Lce.-Cpls. Stobbart and Sharpe are perhaps the two best forwards, especially in the line out and in the loose, but the whole pack works hard and goes all out from start to finish.

There have been many changes amongst the backs during the season, and we have never had a really settled three-quarter line. Fus. Sherburne has played some good games in the centre, and when he gets going is very hard to stop. Cpl. Naylor is good in defence, and goes all out the whole time, but is inclined to hang on too long. Lce.-Cpl. Plumb at full back is a fearless tackler and goes down to the ball well, but his kicking is still weak.

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We can look forward to next season with some confidence, for we have the makings of a really good side, and with the practice which we hope to get in York we should have a team which should give a good account of itself in the Army Cup.

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The Inter-Company League has just started, and so far only two matches have been played. "Z" Company beat "Y" Company by 22 points to 10 points, and "W" Company beat "X" Company by 17 points to nil.

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RESULTS OF BATTALION MATCHES FOR SEASON 1927–28.

Played.	*Won.*	*Lost.*	*Points for.*	*Points against.*
7	5	2	74	55

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

The Regimental team visited Belfast on 7th March, and successfully carried off the N.I.D. Cross-Country Challenge Cup for the second year in succession. Unfortunately we cannot compete next year, and thus emulate the boxing team in win-

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ning a trophy for three successive years, but we hope to secure a good team for Northern Command competitions next season.

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The N.I.D. Course was about 8 miles over stiff and hilly country—4½ miles being uphill all the way. After our training on the Ballykinlar sandhills and bogs, the long stretch of road running at Belfast proved trying.

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As usual, Lce.-Cpl. Latimer was first home, in 51½ mins., and won the 1st Individual prize. Congratulations to him on maintaining his position of last year.

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Lce.-Cpl. Jarmain was unfortunate in not getting in third, and thereby earning an individual prize—to be a good fourth two years running is tough luck.

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The whole team ran exceedingly well, and every man finished. This speaks volumes of the physical condition of each man, and of the training under Cpl. Ross, who acted as captain.

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The placings were :—

	Total.
1st Bn. 5th Fusiliers—1, 4, 6, 10, 13, 14, 19, 20, 29, 30 35, 39	220
Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers—3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 25, 28, 33, 36, 43	226
Sherwood Foresters—9, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 34, 37, 38	291
West Yorkshire Regt.—2, 21, 31, 32, 40, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 54, 56	472

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Individuals.

1, Lce.-Cpl. J. Latimer, 5th Fusiliers.
2, Cpl. Anderson, West Yorkshire Regt.
3, Lce.-Cpl. Brown, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

N.I.D. Cross-Country Running Challenge Cup.

Back Row (left to right).—Lce.-Cpl. R. Grey, Lce.-Cpl. T. Ashton, Fus. W. Robinson, Fus. G. Harrison, Lce.-Cpl. H. Bellwood, Fus. G. Johnson, Fus. D. Anderson, Lce.-Cpl. W. Haynes, Fus. E. Hood.

Front Row.—Fus. W. E. C. Watson, Lce.-Cpl. T. Bean, Fus. J. Bravin, Cpl. G. Ross (*capt.*), Lce.-Cpl. J. Latimer, Fus. T. Allaker, Lce.-Cpl. E. Jarmain.

The team regret the loss of Lce.-Cpl. J. Ashton, on transfer to Army Reserve, and appreciate his help in the past.

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The Inter-Company Cross-Country Run—counting towards the Company Championship—was held on 22nd March, over a course of 4½ miles, chiefly sands and plough. Fortunately, the rain held off during the run, but the preceding four days continuous downpour made the going very heavy and a test of endurance.

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Over 300 runners finished the run—a fact which speaks well of the physical fitness of the Battalion.

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" W " Company proved an easy first, and are to be congratulated on securing so many men home before the twenty-fifth

THE FIELD, SHOWING TWO OF THE TEAM IN THE FOREGROUND.

men of other Companies. C.S.M. Scott (" W " Company) finished strongly, and without doubt his example was a great factor in his Company's placing. It would be well if others followed his lead.

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The final placings were :—

1,	" W " Company	991 points.
2,	" X " Company	1298 ,,
3,	" Z " Company	1467 ,,
4,	" Y " Company	1595 ,,

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The first three runners to arrive were :—

1st place, Lce.-Cpl. J. Latimer, " Z " Company.
2nd ,, Fus. Johnson, " W " Company.

LCE.-CPL. LATIMER ARRIVING HOME FIRST.

3rd place, Lce.-Cpl. Jarmain, " Y " Company.

BOXING NOTES.

On the 22nd February, the Battalion Boxing Team travelled to Belfast, and the Final between the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and the Fifth Fusiliers took place that evening, followed by the N.I.D. Individual Championships the following two nights.

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The team and results are appended below :—

OFFICERS.

Catch-Weights.

Lieut. Carr-Ellison won by k.o., first round.

Middle-Weights.

2nd-Lieut. Laing won, fight stopped, third round.

Light-Weights.

Capt. Scanlon lost, fight stopped, third round.

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OTHER RANKS.

Catch-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Stobbert won on points.

LT.-COL. W. N. HERBERT AND L/CPL. J. LATIMER.

Light Heavy-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Stockton won on points.

Middle-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe lost, fight stopped, second round.
Cpl. Naylor won by k.o., first round.

Welter-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. E. Morton lost on points.
Fus. Miller won by k.o.
Fus. Carty won by k.o.

Light-Weights.

Sjt. Hackett lost on points.
Cpl. Roper won by k.o., second round.
Cpl. Ross won by k.o., second round.

Feather-Weights.

Fus. Collingham won on points.

Bantam-Weights.

Fus. Seymour lost on points,

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The fighting throughout was of a high standard, and all the team did splendidly, and won their fights chiefly through hard hitting and fitness.

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Fus. Seymour, Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe and Lce.-Sjt. Hackett were all up against a really experienced boxer, and did well to go as close as they did, both Seymour's and Hackett's being decided on points. Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe was against the 2nd winner of both the Middle-Weights and Catch-Weights.

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The final result was :—

Fifth Fusiliers, 25 points, winners 1926, 1927, 1928.
Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, 20 points.

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The following members of the Battalion Team have now fought all three years :—Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbert, Lce.-Cpl. Stockton, Cpl. Naylor, Cpl. Roper.

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The following have fought 1927 and 1928 :—2nd-Lieut Laing and Lce.-Sjt. Hackett.

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THE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS OF THE N.I.D.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Bantam-Weights (Semi-Finals).

Pte. Thompson (S. For.) / L/Cpl. McCarthy (R.I. Fus.) } McCarthy
Fus. Seymour (5th Fus.) / Rfm. Graham (D./R.U.R.) } Graham
} McCarthy

Feather-Weights.

L/Cpl. McMahon (S. For.) / Pte. Hornby (W.Y.R.) } Hornby
Fus. Collighan (5th Fus.) / Pte. Gaynor (W.Y.R.) } Collighan
} Hornby

Light-Weights.

Fus. Donaghy (5th Fus.) / Pte. Thompson (S. For.) } Thompson
Pte. Chapman (S. For.) / L/Cpl. Nann (R.I. Fus.) } Chapman
} Chapman

Welter-Weights.

L/Cpl. Sharpe (5th Fus.) / Cpl. Stocker (W.Y.R.) } Sharpe
Fus. Miller (5th Fus.) / Pte. Wilson (W.Y.R.) } Miller
} Miller

Middle-Weights.

Fus. Hywood (5th Fus.) / Cpl. Warr (R.I.Fus.) } Warr
Cpl. Naylor (5th Fus.) / Sjt. Guy (D./R.I. Fus.) } Guy
} Warr

Light Heavy-Weights.

L/Cpl. Stockton (5th Fus.) / Fus. Craig (5th Fus.) } Stockton
Cpl. Fahy (R.I. Fus.) / Driver Gray (R.C. Sigs.) } Fahy
} Stockton

Heavy-Weights.

L/Cpl. Stobbert (5th Fus.) / Pte. Adams (S. For.) } Adams
Fus. Dobie (5th Fus.) / Cpl. Warr (R.I. Fus.) } Warr
} Warr

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On the conclusion of the meeting, Major-General F. F. Ready, C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G., D.S.O., presented the Cup and congratulated the team on winning the Cup for three years in succession!!

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On Wednesday and Thursday, 14th and 15th March, the Inter-Company Team Boxing Competition for the Hart Shield took place, together with the Boys' Individual Championships.

The Officials were :—

Referee.—Lieut. H. N. Charrington, Supt. of P.T.

Judges.—Major F. Harris, M.C., R.A.M.C. ; 2nd-Lieut. T. A. Moody, R. Inniskilling Fusiliers.

Time-keepers.—Lieut. F. H. Butterfield, 5th Fus. ; Lieut. R. H. Yorke, 5th Fus.

M.C.—R.S.M. J. H. Rowsell, 5th Fus.

Whip.—C.S.M. Scott, 5th Fus.

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Bantam-Weights.

Fus. Cornforth, " X " Coy. / Fus. Gregory, " Z " Coy. } Cornforth, on points
Fus. Homer, " Y " Coy. / —— " W " Coy. } Homer
} Cornforth on points

Feather-Weights.

Fus. Blackburn, " Y " Coy. / Bdsmn. Anderson, " W " Coy. } Anderson, k.o. 1st Rd.
Fus. Bird, " X " Coy. / Fus. Collighan, " Z " Coy. } Collighan k.o. 3rd Rd.
} Collighan, on points

Light-Weights.

Fus. Donaghy, " Z " Coy. / Fus. Murr, " Y " Coy. } Murr, on points
Fus. Rutherford, " W " Coy. / Fus. Seymour, " X " Coy. } Seymour k.o. 1st Rd.
} Seymour on points

Catch-Weights.

L/Cpl. Stockton, " Y " Coy. / L/Cpl. Gray, " W " Coy. } Stockton, fight stpd. 2nd Rd.
Fus. Dobie, " X " Coy. / L/Cpl. Stobbert, " Z " Coy. } Stobbert, fight stpd. 3rd Rd.
} Stockton

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Light Heavy-Weights.

Fus. Turnbull, " X " Coy. Fus. Craig, " Y " Coy.	Craig, k.o. 1st Rd.	Sherburn, k.o. 1st Rd.
Fus. West, " W " Coy. Fus. Sherburn, " Z " Coy.	Sherburn, k.o. 1st Rd.	

Middle-Weights.

Fus. Goode, " X " Coy. Cpl. Naylor, " Y " Coy.	Cpl. Naylor, k.o. 1st Rd.	Naylor, k.o. 3rd Rd.
Fus. Hywood, " W " Coy. L/Cpl. Sharpe, " Z " Coy.	Hywood, k.o. 3rd Rd.	

The fighting throughout was clean and vigorous, all the competitors, without exception, showed a good knowledge of boxing, and although in some cases the defence was weak this was balanced by the will power to get up and fight again. There is no doubt that the standard set was very high, and all the newcomers to the Ring are to be congratulated on their indomitable spirit.

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The final result was :—

1, " Y " Company	.. .. ..	26 points.
2, " Z " Company	.. .. ..	18 ,,
3, " X " Company	.. .. ..	14 ,,
4, " W " Company	.. .. ..	13 ,,

1ST BN. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS BOXING TEAM.
WINNERS, N.I.D. CHALLENGE CUP, 1928.

Left to Right.—Lce.-Cpl. Gray (*coach*), Cpl. Roper, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbert, Capt. T. M. Scanlon, M.C., Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison, 2nd-Lieut. Laing, Lce.-Sjt. Hackett, Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe.
Sitting.—Cpl. Ross, Fus. Collighan, Fus. Miller, Fus. Seymour, Lce.-Cpl. Stockton, Cpl. Naylor, Lce.-Cpl. E. Morton.
(Fus. Carty not present.)

Welter-Weights (*second strings*).

L/Cpl. Rhodes, " X " Coy. L/Cpl. J. Morton, " Y " Coy.	Morton k.o. 2nd Rd.	Morton, k.o. 1st Rd.
Fus. Mathews, " W " Coy. L/Sjt. Hackett, " Z " Coy.	Matthews on points	

Welter-Weights (*first strings*).

Fus. Miller, " X " Coy. Cpl. Roper, " Y " Coy.	Roper, k.o. 3rd Rd.	Roper on points
L/Cpl. Shields, " W " Coy. Fus. Carty, " Z " Coy.	Carty, k.o. 2nd Rd.	

Points were awarded as follows :—

2 points for a win.
1 point for a loss.
2 points for a walk-over.
No points for giving in.

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The Boys' Individual Championships took place after the first four Weights of the " Hart " Shield during the first evening ; and the second evening the Semi-Finals of the Boys took place before the Finals of the " Hart " Shield, and the Finals of the Boys' Weights thus completed the programme.

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BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIPS.

8 *stone and under.*

Boy Parker, Boy McIntosh } McIntosh

Boy Kelly, Boy Whitehouse } Whitehouse

Whitehouse, Whittaker } Whittaker

Byes—Nobbs, Whittaker } Whittaker

10 *stone* 9 *lbs. and under.*

Boy Attree, Boy Walsh } Walsh

Ambury } Ambury

Byes—Boy Ambury, Boy Smith, Boy G. Palmer } Smith

9 *stone and under.*

Boy Brown, Boy Palmer } Brown

Samuels } Samuels

Bye—Boy Samuels

9 *stone* 9 *lbs. and under.*

Boy Burns, Boy Hemmings } Burns

Bye—Boy Hogg } Hogg

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The Boys are all to be congratulated upon the fine show they put up, and the winners and runners-up in all Weights made use of the straight left and should do well in the future if they develop this blow, combined with skilful use of straight or right hooks.

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At the conclusion of the meeting, Major O. B. Foster, M.C., presented the Shield and Medals to the winners and runners-up. Thanking the Officials for carrying out their duties to the satisfaction of everyone and the competitors on their good display.

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He also especially congratulated the winners, " Y " Company, and observed that he would like to see the 1st and 2nd Battalions meet, as he would not care to offer odds on either team.

ST. GEORGE'S MINSTRELS.

A Concert was produced at The Assembly Hall, Downpatrick, in aid of the British Legion, on 21st March. Outstanding items were " The Flying Vagabonds," whose performance was even more dashing than ever ; and the sketch. Mrs. Chislett, who performed at very short notice, showed herself to be an actress of considerable ability.

The programme was as follows :—

PART I.

The Military Band, 1st Bn. Fifth Fusiliers

Conductor: MR. J. CAUSLEY WINDRAM, L.R.A.M., *Bandmaster.*

1. GRAND SELECTION FROM " CARMEN " .. .. *Bizet*
2. FANTASIA .. .. .. " In a Clock Store " .. .. .. *Orth*
3. SELECTION .. .. .. " Irish Emeralds " .. .. *Arr. Greadv*
4. TUBAPHONE SOLO .. " Tarantelle de Concert " .. .. *Greenwood*
5. DESCRIPTIVE SCENA " Episodes of a Soldier's Life " .. .. *Kappey*

PART II.

The Concert Party 1st Bn. Fifth Fusiliers, under the leadership of CAPT. D. S. LINDSAY, M.C.

Musical Interludes by the String Band.

1. SELECTION OF POPULAR TUNES, " On with the Show " .. .. *Douglas*
   THE STRING BAND.
2. GYMNASTIC DISPLAY .. .. THE FLYING VAGABONDS
   Cpl. Ross, Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe, Lce.-Cpl. Morton
   Fus. Sherburn, Fus. Cornwall, Fus. Collighan
3. SONG .. .. " Muffins and Crumpits " .. .. Sjt. HACKETT
4. MONOLOGUE .. .. Selected .. .. .. Cpl. WATSON
5. SONG .. .. " The Old County Down " .. .. Fus. MALIA
6. EXCERPTS from Grand Opera .. .. .. Capt. D. S. LINDSAY, M.C.
7. SKETCH .. " The Burglar and the Girl " .. Mrs. CHISLETT, 2nd-Lieut. W. D. F. Laing
8. FINAL CHORUS .. .. THE COMPANY
   " God Save the King."

" THE EVE OF BRIGHT RACES."

(*With apologies to Lord Tennyson.*)

You must wake and call us early, call us early, Copp, d'ye hear ?
To-morrow'll be the busiest time of all the glad New Year :
Of all the glad New Year, Copp, the longed-for thrilling day ;
For the races are at Bright, Copp, and we'll show 'em *all* the way!

There's many a good " blood " horse, they say, but none with blood like Copper!
There's Monarch and there's Dorabel, who'll never come a " cropper."
But none so fast as Ulster Girl in all the " field," they say ;
And the races are at Bright, Copp, and to-morrow is Saturday!

I'll never sleep a wink, Copp, so *I* shan't have to wake!
I must be up betimes, Copp, and a dose of " Kruschens " take ;
For I've to keep my weight down, Copp, if I'm to ride a race ;
And to-morrow we go to Bright, Copp, and I hope to get a " place "!

As I came up the road, Copp, whom think ye should I see ?
Joannah, Judy, Strongbow, Reform and old Ballee—
And they were on their toes, Copp, especially the " *grey* "!
And the races are at Bright, Copp, and we'll show 'em *all* the way!

The Band will go to-morrow, and we have a tent at Bright,
And you will be there, too, Copp, to see my girths are tight ?
And the hunting folk on every side will come from far away,
To the races held at Bright, Copp, and to-morrow is Saturday!

The horses come and go, Copp, from the paddock to the course,
And the happy crowd who watch them seem to brighten as they pass ;
There will not be a drop of rain to damp our " colours " gay,
For the races are at Bright, Copp, and we'll show 'em *all* the way!

All the horses will be fit, Copp, for the Regimental Race—
Yoicks, Seraph and old Story will help to make the pace!
And *Who* will start the " favourite " ? (that's just so hard to say!)
But the " bookies " know Tall Story, and will save their odds *that* way!

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AN ALPHABETICAL RESUMÉ."

BY AN ONLOOKER.

A stands for Algy—the ladies' delight.
B is for Butters, who always sits tight.
C is for Cuddy—a man with a fist.
D is for Davis—not out to be missed!
E is for Elky, the youth with a frown.
F is for Fiction, in writing it down.
G is for George, of soldierly " mien."
H is for Hoss—a cricketer keen.
I is for Ivor, to snipe bogs a guide.
J is for James, who has left us for Hythe.
K is for Keen-ness, in our work and our play.
L is for Lizzie, an " artiste " ?—aye, aye!
M is for Michael—meaning " Who is like God."
N is for Narrative, as told by this bard.
O for offence—*here* I'm sure there's no scope!
P is for Pembers—great man on the rope!
Q is for Quality—found in us all!
R is for Richard, so handsome and tall!
S is for Seth, who always talks " horse."
T is for Tom—a boxer, of course.
U is for Unity, which in us you will find.
V is for Victor—a dog ?—of his kind!
W for Whelan, with a hound like a plaything!
X for Excitement, with Bright for its making.
Y for the Youths who train for the Races.
Z for the Zealous, who hope to get " places "!

" BYSTANDER."

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

It is with a light heart that our correspondent this month tackles his task.

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The reason is twofold, and not far to seek.

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Firstly, the much-talked-of and somewhat dreaded process of re-organisation has been completed, and as far as can be ascertained everyone has arrived in his correct place.

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It was rather mystifying to see beds moving to the right of you, kits to the left of you, and other ancillary items moving in front of you, for about three days, regardless of the heavenly perspiration which blessed the movement.

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Secondly, the long-looked-for Army Orders promulgating the *intended* moves during the next Trooping Season have arrived.

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They contain the bald statement—1st Bn. North'd. Fusiliers —Ballykinlar to York.

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This brief announcement to many may not give any cause for elation, but to us tucked away under the Mountains of Mourne it certainly does.

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It means that our period of segregation is nearing its end, and shortly we shall be permitted to mix with the world at large.

This in itself is sufficient to unhinge the strongest of minds, but there are other items which may cause us to rejoice.

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We remember sometime in the dim past hearing of a place called " Merrie England," and we are assured by one who should know, to wit one candidate for 1st Class Certificate honours, that this place called York is part of Merrie England.

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So that, this being so, it is fair to assume that as part of Merrie England, York will also be merry.

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Everyone has visions of theatres, cinemas, and other places which provide mirth and merriment, not forgetting the probable existence of such things as " Night Clubs."

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Advance information from York leads one to think that our soldiering days are over, and that we have to accustom ourselves to becoming more or less part of the civilian populace, addicted to frequenting the aforementioned places of relaxation.

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After our detention at the " Summer Resort " of Ballykinlar, it will no doubt be some months before we can accustom our minds and bodies to the changed order of things.

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However, there is no doubt that we shall not fail through trying. Remember the " Spider," but be careful not to become the " Fly."

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One of our members has announced that he is prepared to accept students for a course of instruction in the local dialect.

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He can be heard any day talking about " Shove wood intoile," " Ist tha' bant laking doon strayte," etc.

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He has also mapped out his programme of week-ends, commencing from October.

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On glancing over this programme one is struck by the number of entries—" Leeds."

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To the uninitiated this may cause deep thought as to the reason, but when it is explained that the said member is closely allied to the Hebrew persuasion, and that Leeds shelters a Jewish colony, it becomes easy to understand.

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Although he claims to be a Yorkshire Lad, his attestation denounces him as hailing from Whitechapel.

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Being of a roaming disposition, he probably migrated like the remainder of his race.

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But why did we go fighting to win back Jerusalem, and was it worth while ?

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It may be golden, but evidently it does not attract so much as other places.

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Another member has visions of a fortune through the medium of a Boxing Booth.

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This is probably due to the fact that a Yorkshire correspondent has stated that the public in that county are very fond of witnessing knock-outs.

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He is already planning contests and daily can be seen scanning the various reports on the fistic art and making up his " Index."

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May he not be disappointed.

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In the billiards world we have been pretty busy, and have during the month completed the majority of our fixtures under the auspices of the " Rea Challenge Cup."

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The details of the games up to date are as follows :—

R. INNISKILLING FUS.		5TH FUSILIERS.	
C.S.M. Creighton	200	Sjt. Wixon	173
Sjt. Desmond	196	Sjt. Swain	200
Sjt. Roxborough	187	Sjt. Dmr. Hebbron	200
R.S.M. McLean	200	Sjt. Hullyer	125
	783		698

5TH FUSILIERS.		R. INNISKILLING FUS.	
Sjt. Wixon	200	C.S.M. Creighton	176
Sjt. Swain	200	Sjt. Desmond	196
Sjt. Dmr. Hebbron	200	Sjt. Roxborough	149
Sjt. Hobbs	150	R.S.M. McLean	200
	750		721

5TH FUSILIERS.		R.A.S.C.	
Sjt. Hobbs	200	Sjt. Johnson	165
Sjt. Dmr. Hebbron	200	R.S.M. McKenzie	82
Sjt. Swain	200	Sjt. Ormrod	158
Sjt. Hullyer	200	S.M. Holloway	166
	800		571

R.A.S.C.		5TH FUSILIERS.	
Sjt. Johnson	200	Sjt. Wixon	181
Sjt. Butler	141	Sjt. Hobbs	200
S.M. Holloway	187	Sjt. Dmr. Hebbron	200
Sjt. Ormrod	200	Sjt. Swain	136
	728		717

WEST YORKS. REGT.		5TH FUSILIERS.	
Sjt. Quinn	159	Sjt. Wixon	200
Sjt. Bramhall	200	Sjt. Swain	173
Sjt. Sedlerlick	200	Sjt. Hobbs	187
Sjt. Lemmon	200	Sjt. Dmr. Hebbron	170
	759		730

The " Flying Handicap " of 41 up is also nearing its end, and the progress (or otherwise) of the competitors is as shown :—

First Round.

C.S.M. Danaford	*beat*	C.S.M. Carlin
Sjt. Burgess	,,	Sjt. Haddon
Sjt. Bellamy	,,	Sjt. Dempster
Sjt. Crawley	,,	Sjt. Hackett
Sjt. Lynch	,,	Sjt. Wixon
C.S.M. Scally	,,	Sjt. Bramley
Sjt. Hullyer	,,	C.S.M. Ratliff
Q.M.S. Gale	,,	C.Q.M.S. Irwin
Sjt. Dmr. Hebbron	,,	R.S.M. Rowsell
Sjt. Holmes	,,	C.Q.M.S. Reaney
Sjt. Duggan	,,	Sjt. Lawless
Sjt. Murphy	,,	Sjt. Denniss
Sjt. Locke	,,	Sjt. Moore
Sjt. Mears	,,	Sjt. Desmond
Sjt. Swain	,,	R.Q.M.S. Capstaff
Sjt. Hobbs	,,	Sjt. Hutchinson

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Second Round.

Sjt. Swain	*beat*	Sjt. Hullyer
Sjt. Burgess	,,	Sjt. Dmr. Hebbron
C.S.M. Scally	,,	Sjt. Locke
Sjt. Holmes	,,	Sjt. Crawley
C.S.M. Danaford	,,	Sjt. Hobbs
Sjt. Bellamy	,,	Q.M.S. Gale
Sjt. Mears	,,	Sjt. Duggan
Sjt. Murphy	,,	Sjt. Lynch

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Third Round.

C.S.M. Danaford	*beat*	Sjt. Swain
Sjt. Holmes	,,	Sjt. Burgess
Sjt. Bellamy	,,	C.S.M. Scally
Sjt. Murphy	,,	Sjt. Mears

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Our functions during the month have been re-arranged, and consequently only one Whist Drive has been held.

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This resulted as follows :—

LADIES.	GENTS.
1, Mrs. Hobbs	1, R.S.M. Rowsell
2, Mrs. Hemming	2, Sjt. Hackett
3, Mrs. Gale	3, Sjt. Kelly

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Recently several of our members have been endeavouring to overcome the intricacies of the present system of education.

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Daily the troupe could be seen trooping to school with volumes of condensed and concise literature which lay down the *modus operandi* of how to defeat the examiners.

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The present battle is over, and the period of suspense has commenced.

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They all think they have won. We hope so, but at the same time take the liberty of doubting it.

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Candidates are reminded that claims for a scrutiny cannot be entertained, and the decision of the Chief Education Officer is final and legally binding.

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It is with much regret that we hear of the illness of C.S.M. Scally, so soon after taking up his Vocational Course. We trust that he is now rapidly recovering.

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The writer was pleased to hear from one of the old members, namely Sjt. C. (Mick) Kennedy, who writes from 30, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.

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Old friends will no doubt be pleased to hear that he is going strong, and would welcome correspondence from old friends.

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We take the opportunity of notifying patrons that the Serjeants' Ball will be held on the 23rd April, at Ballykinlar.

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It is feared that when issuing the invitations that some may have been overlooked owing to our not being aware of the present addresses. We will be greatly obliged if in any such cases they will communicate with the Secretary of the Committee, so that the oversight may be adjusted.

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An innovation commencing with this issue is the Wireless Notes by "Condenser," our learned correspondent on the subject of wireless generally.

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The writer does not in any way hold himself responsible for the views expressed by "Condenser," and takes the opportunity to warn the Editor that should the interference by atmospherics become too great it would be as well to close down.

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One of our older members is desirous of transferring his affectations to the Camel Corps.

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It is well known that the camel is regarded as a beast of burden, but it is hoped that he does not intend to pose as the last straw and thereby hope to break the camel's back.

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Shank's pony has been good enough all these years, so why the change?

"PACKY."

WIRELESS NOTES.

OSCILLATIONS.

Our wireless apparatus is still functioning, and providing the necessary amusements for the various listeners and critics.

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As regards listeners, we have some epicureans, and it is very difficult at times to provide what one might call a passable programme. You find one likes Cornet Solos, while another wants to hear his best girl playing the piano in Manchester; then the Educational Department, for some reason or other, prefers to hear the "Soldiers' Song" from Dublin, quickly followed by the Austrian National Anthem from Vienna.

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Various efforts have been made to pick up K.D.K.A., but so far without results. Unfortunately we have to close down at night before that station commences its programme.

It was very amusing one Sunday morning, when, after swinging the dials for over half an hour, a jazz band was picked up, and the announcer spoke in English. As no English Stations were broadcasting at the time, all agreed it must be New York, but on investigation it proved only to be an experimental Station broadcasting gramophone records in Blackpool.

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During the past few months quite a host of wireless enthusiasts have set up an opposition known as "Radio Alley," and oscillation is terrific. We also hear of wonderful sets such as "Super 9," "Super Two," and "Super-Sensitive," but the only correct nomenclature one can give them is "Super Oscillators."

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Owing to lack of time I am unable to give any more comments in this issue, but I hope to be able next month to provide items of a more interesting nature.

"CONDENSER."

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

March, 1928.

The following members, Cpls. Terry and Field, have left us for civil life.

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We wish them the best of luck in their new sphere of life.

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Cpl. Watson has rejoined us from the Depôt, and we hope his stay will be a happy one.

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His services for the Concert Party were soon required, and were enjoyed by the inhabitants of Downpatrick.

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We would like to hear a little more of "Only a Jav."

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We must congratulate Lce.-Cpl. Latimer on again winning the N.I.D. Cross-Country Championship for the second year in succession.

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Lce.-Cpl. Jarmain must also be congratulated and condoled with for just missing a Cup. He was 3rd all the way until near the finish, when "married life told."

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Lce.-Cpl. Charlton has left us to go on a Qualifying Course in P.T. at Belfast.

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We hope he does well, and must remind him that voluntary practice in the evenings does one good.

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Lce.-Cpls. Walton and Leahy have left us for a Course at Chiselton V.T. Centre.

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We rather think that "Lah" will find it strange to do a little work of sign-writing and decorating after being a pen-pusher so long.

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There is rather a "strange sight" walking around the Club just now. "Stocky" is walking around with a "black eye," and everyone is jealous of it and wants to know where he got it.

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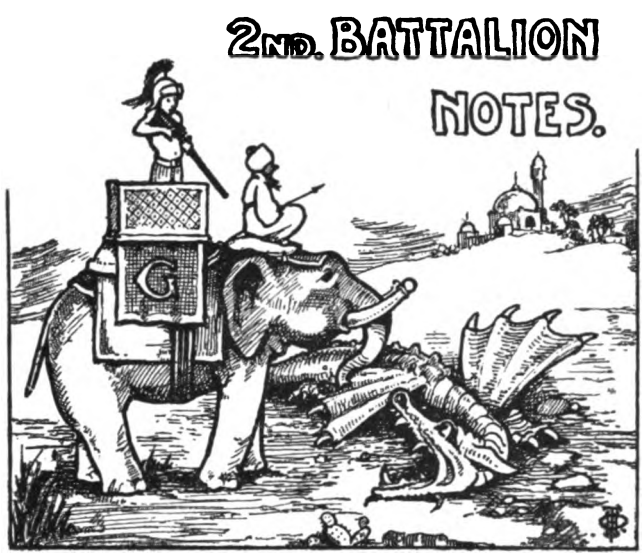

NOWSHERA,
February, 1928.

THE writer of these notes wishes to apologise very profoundly for the non-appearance of any general items of interest from the 2nd Battalion in the February number of the *St. George's Gazette*.

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We take this opportunity to welcome Major and Mrs. Booth, Captain and Mrs. Waight, and Captain and Q.M. and Mrs. Wombwell, and the Draft of 205 other ranks, which arrived on 23rd December, from the United Kingdom; and to bid farewell to Major O. B. Foster, Captain and Q.M. and Mrs. Maynard, and the home-going Draft. May we all meet again on the completion of the Battalion's foreign tour.

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Owing to the arrivals and departures, and with Battalion camp looming near, Christmas was a somewhat feverish period —however, everything passed off well.

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On Christmas Day, the Commanding Officer visited the dining-halls of all Companies and Headquarter Wing. In the evening the married Officers and their wives were entertained to dinner in the Officers' Mess—this was also a farewell to Major Foster and Capt. and Mrs. Maynard, the former having been posted as 2nd-in-Command of the 1st Battalion, the latter as Quartermaster at the Depôt.

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We understand that the Serjeants' Mess Glee Party, after their successful debut this year, are open for any advance booking for the coming Christmas.

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On the Proclamation Day Parade the Battalion was under the command of Major Booth. The Brigade was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Kershaw.

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On 3rd January, the Battalion went into camp at Walai, some eight miles away. The site and surroundings were pleasanter than those of last year, and the work was made easier by our greater knowledge of the mountain warfare game —although it must have been strange for those who had arrived in Nowshera scarcely ten days before.

The Battalion marched back on 13th January, to overhaul itself for Brigade Training, which commenced on 6th February.

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Unfortunately it started to rain on the previous night, and continued all that day and the following night.

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Those who have experience of camel transport will know what unpleasant things camels are, when they have to be loaded in pouring rain they are the most loathsome animals in the world. One agrees with the Fusilier who was overheard observing to one that it should never have left the Zoo.

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By the time the transport, consisting for us of 80 camels and 95 pack mules, had left barracks at about 11.30 a.m., most of the kits and tentage was already soaked.

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The first night's camp was at Manki, six miles away—the transport was not in until the late afternoon, while the Brigade was fighting its way over the Manki Pass.

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Instead of proceeding to Amirian from Manki the next day, a day's halt had to be made at the latter place to allow things to dry—the rain having ceased, the Brigade moved out from Manki on the morning of the 8th, for Amirian, once more in the pouring rain, and eventually returned to Nowshera on the 11th, damp but cheerful, the rain having been more or less continuous from the 8th.

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On 20th February, the Battalion once more set out with the Nowshera Brigade for Inter-Brigade Manœuvres (this time without camels). An account of these follows later.

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There has not been much time for games, owing to our many moves, but notes about the Battalion hockey and football matches played appear elsewhere.

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Mr. Grimley and Mr. Tarleton, with Mr. Barron and Mr. Wainwright, of the 23rd Field Brigade R.A., entered for the four Chukker Christmas Polo Tournament in Peshawar as a Nowshera team. They drew a bye in the first round, and defeated a team of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in the second, being beaten in the next round by " E " Battery R.H.A.

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The Regiment entered a team for the Infantry Cup at Lahore, Major Ovens and Mr. Ingledew coming from Delhi and Mr. Grimley and Mr. Tarleton going from here with Mr. Humphreys as spare man.

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On 14th February they were defeated in the first round by the Seaforth Highlanders, who won by 10 goals to none. The game was a fast one, but as the team had only played once together in a practise game two days before the match, there was no appearance of combination, and our opponents got away to score whenever they liked.

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In the Subsidiary Tournament we were beaten by the Royal Scots Fusiliers by 5 goals to 1. In the first chukker, Major Ovens scored for us soon after the start, and only indifferent shooting and bad luck prevented us from scoring at least 3 more. The ball was somewhere near our opponents' goal for the remainder of the chukker—in the remaining three chukkers

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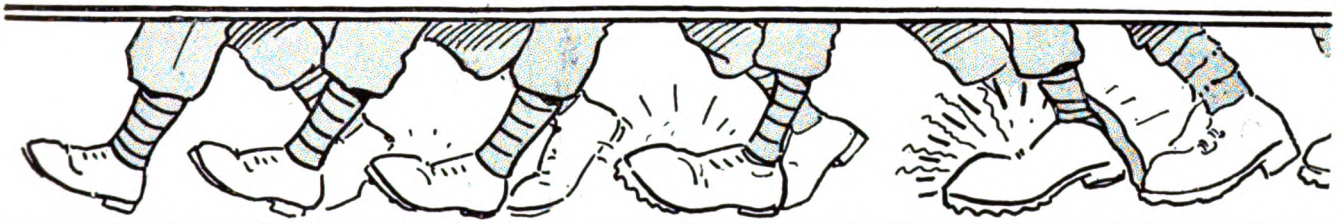

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we ceased to play as a team, and the Scots Fusiliers had things their own way.

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The 60th eventually won the final against the Durham Light Infantry.

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Next year, at Lahore, we hope to do better and also to be better mounted.

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We have now finished with the more strenuous portion of the year's training, and from now on drill, musketry and various classes are the day's work.

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We have also finished for some time to come with "Mountain Warfare," unless the move to Lahore this Autumn is later than anticipated.

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It will be with regret that many of us will give up this form of exercise. Strenuous as it is, it is a change, and far more interesting than undiluted "Plains Warfare."

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The end of this month sees the return of Mr. Bucknall from the 90th Battery R.F.A., to which he has been attached for the last three months, and the return from us of Mr. Thorne Thorne, who has been with us for a similar period—they have been awarded the full rank of "Gunner and Fusilier" by the Units to whom they have been attached.

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We trust Mr. Thorne Thorne will carry away with him not too unpleasant memories of his attachment to the P.B.I. We will be very sorry to lose him.

NOTES ON MANŒUVRES.

After the wretched weather for Brigade Training we were lucky to get a spell of bright warm days for Inter-Brigade Manœuvres, and bivouacs at night were a very pleasant change from the sloppy tents and mud of Amirian.

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We met a lot of old friends of the Regiment as umpires on both Khaki (our own) and Blue sides.

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Colonel Milward, Commanding Khyber Brigade, who married Geoffrey Lawson's sister, and whose son is on his way to join the 2nd Battalion; Captain Adams, of the 9th Jats; Captains Graham and Baird, of the Rifle Brigade; and Mr. Streatfield, of 11th Light Battery; and we had Colonel Wilson Johnston, Commanding Razmak Brigade, as Chief Khaki Umpire.

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Colonel Wilson Johnston told us that he had known the FIFTH for well over thirty years. He sent his good wishes to all old friends, particularly to Colonel Herbert and Major Ovens, and said that he was delighted to see that it "marched as well, fought as hard, and was as cheery as ever—in fact, was the same Old FIFTH."

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He congratulated all ranks on their dash and quickness, particularly on the attack of "C" and "D" Companies, on the 22nd February, which he regretted to be obliged to stop, since its success would have brought manœuvres to an untimely end (and added a four miles march for the FIFTH to an already long day).

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The position held by the K.O.Y.L.I. (Blue) was the last covering Spin Khak, and its loss would have meant the withdrawal of Blue into the Desert, and the occupation of the Blue Camps and Dumps by Khaki. This could not be allowed, so a Blue Cavalry Brigade arrived just in time to save the situation.

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The FIFTH were given the choice of marching the 6½ miles back to Spin Kana, or moving at 3 a.m., and chose the former.

BATTALION TRAINING CAMP, WALAI, JANUARY, 1928.

By 9 p.m. we had got comfortably into camp. We moved out at 8 a.m. on the 23rd, to occupy a position to cover the retirement of the Khaki Force, and follow it as rear guard.

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Of the manœuvres, as a whole, there is not much to narrate. We made our successful dash to Jallosai, marching and fighting 19 miles on the 21st, and 17 on the 22nd, and having hit the enemy hard on the afternoon of that day, we got out by night.

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On 23rd, the FIFTH did rear guard from Spin Kana for eight miles, and the enemy Cavalry Brigade was headed off by the Guides Infantry and Poona Horse, supported by the Armoured Cars.

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By 11 a.m. we were safely back in touch with our base at Tangi.

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The next three hours, until the " standfast," closely resembled a combined Brock's Benefit and Drury Lane Drama.

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Owing to a two hours' scrap with their own advance guard, the Blue Infantry were still about two hours' march behind, and the time was filled in with a hastily staged attack by 3rd/1st Punjab Regt., Guides, and 5th/8th Punjab Regt., on the Cavalry Brigade, which had penetrated the pass at one point to the North, and were trying to enlarge their territory in order to water at Manki.

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The FIFTH were posted on the left bank of the Vermandai Khwar to hold off the three Battalions of Blue Infantry.

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From 2 to 2.40 p.m., every man and rifle of the FIFTH was engaged in some five different directions, Cavalry Squadrons were charging through attacking Battalions, Armoured Cars (Blue) assaulting Khaki Brigade Headquarters, Anti-Tank Guns firing at 60 yards' rise ; 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards and C.I. Horse were attacking our baggage column, which was defiling over the pass ; Guides, Territorials and Regulars were hurling them back. Horse Artillery were firing in the open at 900 yards and less. Our Cavalry, The Poona Horse, was engaged in a mêlée with the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, two troops of which had been attacking Mr. Leach's Platoon of " A " Company and had been trapped between our cavalry and an obstacle erected by No. 1 Platoon.

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Mr. Leach and No. 1 Platoon, in their home above the clouds, were dealing with Cavalry Brigade Headquarters, " E " Battery Horse Artillery, C.I.H., Guides, Cavalry and 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards with absolute impartiality at ranges from 300 to 700 yards.

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The FIFTH by this time was facing all 16 points of the compass, supporting in one direction, repelling assaults in another. It would need a map, a list of targets and compass bearings of the fire of M.G.'s and rifles of sub-Units of the FIFTH to gain any idea of the astounding situations which arose, and I imagine the patience of both readers and that of the Editor of *St. George's Gazette* is already exhausted. However, I will send it along, as it may interest some who were not able to see all that was going on in those thirty hectic minutes.

Unfortunately the illustration reproducer was unable to make a block of this map.—Ed., " St. G.G."

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Someone said it reminded him of the last scene in the " Englishman's Home," but that the Guards and the sailors, as well as the Highlanders, had been left out by mistake.

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Selected targets fired at by 2nd FIFTH from 12 noon to 2.40 p.m. :—

TIME.	SUB-UNIT.	TARGET.	RANGE.	DIRECTION.
12.00 hrs.	" D " Company	15 rounds Rapid at a Cavalry Regt. halted	450 to 800	N.
13.10 ,, to 13.20 ,,	" A " and Vicker's Guns	2 Cavalry Machine Guns, 3 mins. at Blue G.O.C. in Wolseley Car (fleeting target)	700 500	North South
13.20 hrs.	" D " Company, 4 Vickers' Guns	" E " Battery, first halted, then on move ; 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards	800 to 900	N.E. N.N.E. and E.
14.10 ,, to 14.20 ,,	" A," " D " and Vickers' Guns	Dismounted Cavalry (to cover attack of 3/1st and 5/8th Punjab Regt.)	600 to 800	East and N.E.
14.20 ,,	" A," " D " and Vickers' Guns	Repelling attack of 2 squadrons on 3/1st and 5/8th Punjab Regts.	800	East
14.20 ,, to 14.40 ,,	" C " and Subsection Vickers'	Squadron of Blue Cavalry and 3 Infantry Battalions	800 to 400	West
14.20 to 14.40 ,,	" A " (Mr. Leach's Platoon on Bluff)	Enemy Cavalry, Blue H.Q., Backs of 5th I.D.G., Trails of " E " Battery	400 to 1000	All directions
	" A " 1 Platoon	5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, dismounted	800	East
	" A," less 2 Plns. " B," less 2 Plns.	2 Blue Armoured Cars, 3 Battalions attacking until Red screened	300 800 to 400	S.E. West
	2 Platoons of "B," Vickers' Sub-Sec.	2 Armoured Cars	250	South and S.E.
	" C " and Vickers	2 Battalions	800 to 400	West
	" D " Company, less 1 Platoon	1 Battalion	800 to 400	S.W.
14.30 ,, to 14.40 ,,	1 Platoon, " D " Company	" E " Battery in action in the open	600	East
	Vickers' Sub-Sec. and Sec. M.G., 5/8 Punjab Regt.	2 Battalions	800 to 400	West
14.35 ,, to 14.40 ,,	1 Sub-Sec. Vickers, Signallers and Headquarters	2 Blue Armoured Cars	300	S.E.

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Light relief was afforded in the earlier stages by (i) a vigorous attack on their own advance guard by Blue Main Body.

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(ii) An aeroplane which fired a green verey light. Now, this was the call to friendly troops to put out the Battalion ground signal. The 'plane was banking away from our signallers, who ran to unroll the signal ; as the 'plane banked the other way the blue under-carriage showed and they hastily rolled it up. If the 'plane was hostile, a green verey light followed by a sustained turn indicated " ground troops " being machine gunned. Everyone got ready for it, the 'plane swooped down on us and—dropped a message for Blue Cavalry Brigade Headquarters, giving zero hour for attack of Blue Troops as 14.20 hours! Every anti-Aircraft Lewis Gun and rifle crashed off at almost 60 ft. range, and the 'plane departed in a blaze of blank and red verey lights, making a viceous sustained turn which nearly took the C.O.'s topi off.

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(iii) The fact that we were within four and a half miles of barracks, and the Peshawar Brigade 27 miles from theirs, and going every moment further from it.

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(iv) The story that an opposing Commander had been looking for MONKEY on the map for two days, to find at last it was spelt MANKI.

GRENADIER.

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SPORTS NOTES.

The latter half of January and the first week of February witnessed considerable activity in Football, Hockey and Athletic Sports. As finalists in the Nowshera Brigade Area of the Peshawar District Football Competition, we met the 5/6th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards on 28th January, and played a drawn game with them, 2 goals all, extra time having been played. In this match our team were doing themselves scant justice, especially in the first half, when their play was entirely lacking in vigour. A score at half-time of 2 goals to nil in favour of our opponents was no unfair indication of the run of the game. Fortunately a goal by Wigham fifteen minutes after the re-start inspired our team with their customary vigour, and the equalising goal ten minutes from time was thoroughly deserved. Extra time resulted in no further score. The re-play on the following day resulted, contrary to our confident expectations, in a win for our opponents by 3 goals to nil. It would be unfair on our team to say that their display was anything but quite good, though not of their best; but it would be equally unfair on the 5/6th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards to say that they were lucky to win. We were beaten by a good team who seemed to have struck their day beyond dispute—a team who were very decidedly faster than ours, and one which combined with much more than average skill. On the other hand, we were undoubtedly deserving of at least one goal during the first twenty minutes. The following team represented the Battalion in the first of these two matches, Sjt. Young, Fus. Dreher and Fus. Smith being replaced by Fus. Watson, Fus. Graham and Fus. Turner in the re-play, owing to injuries :—

Fus. McGiven
" C " Coy.

Cpl. Palmer
" D " Coy.

Lce.-Cpl. Bland
" A " Coy.

Fus. Dreher
" A " Coy.

Cpl. Tulip.
H.Q.

Fus. Smith
H.Q.

Sjt. Cross
" B " Coy.

Lce.-Cpl. Gillon
" C " Coy.

Sjt. Young
" D " Coy.

Fus. Wigham
" A " Coy.

Fus. Clayton
H.Q.

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The Brigade Area Hockey Final was played on 2nd February, and in this we repeated our football success against the 23rd Field Brigade R.A. A very fast and lively game ended in our favour by 2 goals to 1, though the issue was in doubt till the last moment.

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Two days later the District Final was played at Nowshera, and our opponents were the Peshawar District Signals, the winners of the Peshawar Area and last year's winners of the District Competition. In this game we were opposed to a really clever and always dangerous forward line and backs who were no mean proposition. A two-goal lead at half-time was very largely due to Bdsmn. Allan, the right wing, who though not the actual scorer was chiefly instrumental in working up to each one. The second half opened with a long sustained attack by the Signals, terminating in a really brilliant goal scored by their centre forward from a most difficult angle. Maintaining pressure, the Signals gave us many anxious moments which culminated, within a minute of time, in a really dangerous attack and a save by Fus. Armstrong, which was little short of miraculous. Our team thus won a really fine game by 2 goals to 1. The following represented the Battalion in these two games :—

Fus. Armstrong
" C " Coy.

C.Q.M.S. Parkin
" C " Coy.

Lce.-Cpl. Lacey
H.Q.

Bdsmn. Flatman
H.Q.

Lce.-Cpl. Horner
H.Q.

Fus. Morgan
" B " Coy.

Lieut. E. H. D. Grimley

Fus. Simms
" C " Coy.

Bdsmn. Allan
H.Q.

Capt. C. H. Cooper
(*capt.*)

Fus. Pletts
" B " Coy.

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On 30th and 31st January and 1st February, the Battalion Athletic Sports were held. In 1926, the Sports were held entirely on an Individual Event basis; in 1927, entirely on the Team Event basis; this year, two days were devoted to Individual Events and one day to Team Events, the Company Athletic Championship being decided on the latter.

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It had been found that the omission to hold Individual Events last year had made it difficult to select a really representative Battalion team to compete in the District Sports Meeting, and the desirability of re-introducing the Individual Events was further enhanced by the necessity of discovering fresh talent amongst the very large recently arrived draft from the U.K. The Team Events proved more than usually exciting, and although " A " Company succeeded in winning the Athletic Championship for the fifth successive year, the final placing of Companies and points scored are an indication of the narrow margin by which they achieved success. " A " Company's conspicuous success in the track events was in sharp contrast to their failure in the field events. The standard throughout the meeting was not high, with one notable exception—namely, the High Jump, where the standard was one of which any Battalion might be proud and also one greatly in advance of that shown in past years.

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The fact that in the team events all eight competitors cleared 5 ft. 2 in., is eloquent in itself, and the achievement of Fus. Kelly and Dmr. Atkinson, both of whom cleared 5 ft. 4 in., is very encouraging. At the same time we must bear in mind that the track, through no fault of our own, is a disgrace to the Empire and not one on which good times could be looked for.

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The result of both Individual and Team Events are given below :—

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

100 *Yards.*—1, Cpl. Wooll, " A " Coy.; 2, Fus. Brockson, " B " Coy. *Time*, 10 2/5 *secs.*

220 *Yards.*—1, Cpl. Wooll, " A " Coy.; 2, Fus. Bloomfield, H.Q. Wing. *Time*, 25 2/5 *secs.*

440 *Yards.*—1, Cpl. Punton, " B " Coy.; 2, Bdsmn. Allan, H.Q. Wing. *Time*, 57 *secs.*

880 *Yards.*—1, Fus. Venables, " A " Coy.; 2, Dmr. McCarthy, H.Q. Wing. *Time*, 2 *mins.* 19 1/5 *secs.*

Mile.—1, Fus. Venables, " A " Coy.; 2, Dmr. McCarthy, H.Q. Wing. *Time*, 5 *mins.*

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120 *Yards Hurdles.*—1, Lce.-Cpl. Bland, "A" Coy.; 2, Fus. Watson, "D" Coy. *Time*, 17 2/5 *secs.*

High Jump.—1, Fus. Kelly, "C" Coy.; 2, Dmr. Atkinson, H.Q. Wing. *Height*, 5 *ft.* 4 *in.*

Long Jump.—1, Fus. Kelly, "C" Coy.; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Wilkinson, H.Q. Wing. *Jump*, 18 *ft.* 7 *in.*

Putting the Weight.—1, Fus. Murphy, "B" Coy.; 2, Fus. Rosemurgey, "D" Coy.

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TEAM EVENTS.

100 *Yards.*—"A" Company.
220 *Yards.*—"A" Company.
440 *Yards.*—"A" Company.
880 *Yards.*—"A" Company.
Mile.—"A" Company.
120 *Yards Hurdles.*—"A" Company.
High Jump.—"C" Company.
Long Jump.—"C" Company.
Putting the Weight.—"B" Company.

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FINAL PLACING OF COMPANIES.

"A" Company	.. .. ..	27½ points.
"C" Company	.. .. ..	25½ ,,
"B" Company	.. .. ..	22½ ,,
"D" Company	.. .. ..	13½ ,,

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Held at the same time as the Athletic Sports, but treated as an entirely separate competition, the Tug-of-War (Catchweight Teams) was won by "B" Company, with "D" Company as runners-up, "C" Company taking 3rd place and "A" Company 4th.

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We wish to congratulate very heartily our Regimental team, which has won the Shield for the first place in field and track events in the Peshawar Assault-at-Arms—time does not permit of details, which will be given next month.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The Nowshera Brigade Manœuvres, held in January, were carried out in a veritable deluge of rain. In fact, the downpour was so heavy, and getting about so difficult, that a memorial is being presented to the Government of India, suggesting that arks be supplied in the future.

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What a spectacle to behold!—innumerable arks, Mark IV., engaged in conflict.

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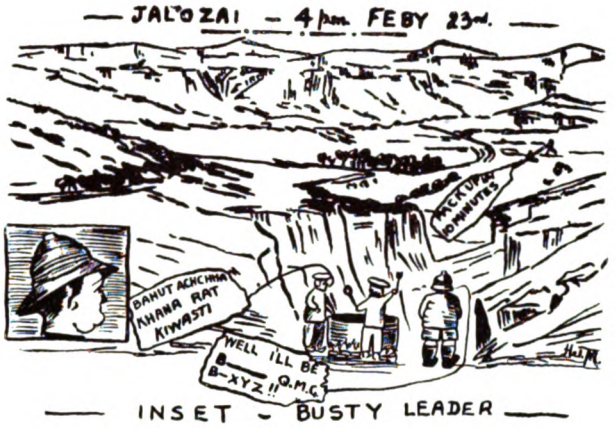
One incident in particular during this period is worthy of mention. The two Mess cherubs ("Busty" Leader and "Chips" Jackson) were sleeping side by side. It was raining heavens hard, and in and around the tent the water had reached a depth of several inches. This caused the pegs and supporting pole to give way. Chips had an unwelcome early morning (1.30 a.m.) bath, but from the portion of the pillow in which Busty's face was buried strange gurgles proceeded, like the distant rumble of an approaching underground train. "Busty," said Chips. The train stopped at a station, picked up a few passengers, and rumbled on again. "Busty," said Chips again, prodding him in the middle of the back. "Choki rakkho!" was the spluttered reply (imagining the bearer had brought the morning tea). The patience of Chips is well known, but as he



was steadily being drenched, while his stertorious companion happened to be sheltered from the rain, he gave the sleeper another prod, more vehemently this time. Busty emitted a noise like a gramophone when the needle slips, moved restlessly for a moment, then sat up and, staring at the surging waters, said, with a stifled yawn: "Women and children first!" Chips' reply is unprintable.

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The period immediately preceding the Inter-Brigade Manœuvres (held in February) was one in which unusual piety was being displayed in "Tin Town," that portion of Nowshera occupied by the FIFTH. Prayers were being said by one and all, similar in solicitation and duality: viz., that it might rain cats and dogs before the appointed time for departure (in which case manœuvres would be cancelled—a supply of arks, Mark IV., not being ready for issue), or that it would remain fine. The Clerk of the Weather having ruled that it would continue fine, the manœuvres were duly carried out.

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On one occasion an armoured car reached a certain Brigade

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Headquarters, and proceeded to annihilate the heads and staff with machine-gun fire. As no one seemed very perturbed about

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it, an Officer jumped from the armoured car to enquire what the devil was the matter! and was promptly informed by the Brigade Commander, " Oh! we're not playing."

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As the fighting ended somewhat earlier than was anticipated, some consternation was caused in certain quarters, on 23rd February, at 4 p.m., when pabular preparations were in progress, by the order, " Pack up in 10 minutes!" This occurred at Jalozai, and the sketch supplied saves further explanation.

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Bon voyage to Sjt. Cause and family, on leaving us for England. Their departure being precipitated by the very indifferent health of Mrs. Cause, we hope she will make a speedy recovery in England. Sjt. Cause's cheery countenance, his whimsical smile, his occasional yarn, told with true Irish wit, will be missed by Mess members. I am sure the mules in the Transport lines will weep long and loudly over his departure, for can a successor be found in possession of that firm touch which puts sweetness and light into the soul of a refractory mule?

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C.S.M. I. M. Beck, who has performed wonders with 3rd Class Shots, turning many of them into marksmen, is leaving us (by the ss. *China*) for a well-deserved six months' leave in England. The writer gives him friendly warning, that he has reached the dangerous and fascinating period of life, and that marksmen are to be found in England, and not least among them—Cupid.

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DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

24th March, 1928.

THE Depôt Sub-Editor being absent on leave, the writer of these notes in seeking an inspiration finds, on referring to last month's contribution, the following statement :— " It is anticipated that life next month will be pretty full . . ." This prophecy having, more or less, come true, the writer proposes to abandon all attempts at literary style, and instead to reproduce a brief record of some of the more important events which have taken place during the past month.

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February 22nd.—The first meeting of the Aid Society Ball Committee was held at the Old Assembly Rooms. The Depôt was represented by Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench and Mr. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt. It was decided to hold the Ball at the Old Assembly Rooms, on Wednesday, 25th April, that the tickets should be, as usual, 25/- each, and that Conri Tate's Band should again be engaged. Applications for tickets, or donations, should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Aid Society Ball, Fenham Barracks, Newcastle-on-Tyne. A further notice with regard to the Regimental Aid Society appears elsewhere in this number of the *Gazette*.

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February 23rd.—2nd-Lieut. R. J. Middlemass, 7th Bn. The Northumberland Fusiliers, T.A., left us after completing a month's attachment. We hope that he enjoyed his visit, and that he will visit us again whenever he finds himself in Newcastle.

February 26th.—Major Chenevix-Trench and Captain Braddell caused grave anxiety owing to their late arrival in Mess. They had taken four hours to cover a distance of 35 miles in Capt. Braddell's car. The cause of the delay was alleged to be thick fog.

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February 27th.—Mr. Crawhall announced the fact that he had taken an hour and a half to drive 15 miles back to Barracks on the previous night. Evidently fog must have been prevalent south of the river, as well as north of it. Also, this is the first intimation we have had that his car is capable of travelling at a speed of less than 40 miles p.h.

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A draft of 24 Other Ranks arrived here from the 2nd Battalion. Some of the Officers of the 1st Battalion may remember the Draft Conducting Officer—Capt. Lowdell, R.A.S.C.—who lived in the 1st Battalion's Mess at Marienburg during the final days of the evacuation of Cologne by the Rhine Army. We were very sorry that he was unable to spend a night with us.

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February 28th.—The draft proceeded on leave, prior to being transferred to the Reserve. We hope that the " Londoners " will not have forgotten to " join up " with the Old Comrades' Association.

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A Cooks Course and No. 1 Section Leaders Course assembled. The following attended from the 4th Battalion :—

4261068 Sjt. H. Adamson	4262308 L/Sjt. J. R. Noon
4262309 Cpl. J. Brooks	4264486 Cpl. A. Dickie
4263562 Cpl. E. Fenwick	4261931 Cpl. J. Greenwood
4261250 Cpl. J. Holden	4263103 Cpl. W. Marshall
4259687 Fus. T. Hankin	4265731 Fus. R. Murphy
4259450 Cpl. W. Wilson	4263525 L/Cpl. W. Briers
4262444 L/Cpl. W. Bradney	4264506 L/Cpl. J. Baxter
4264539 L/Cpl. M. Cowing	4258942 L/Cpl. J. Foster
4262167 L/Cpl. T. Hewitt	4263283 L/Cpl. A. Kilgour
4261884 L/Cpl. T. Lockenby	4260718 L/Cpl. R. Spicer
4258752 L/Cpl. W. Scott	4262191 L/Cpl. T. Watson
4265023 Fus. J. Beyd	4263556 Fus. G. Charlton
4264195 Fus. J. Freeborn	4265168 Fus. W. Preston
4264609 Fus. G. Reed	4258718 Fus. G. Stones
4264450 Fus. T. Turnbull	

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March 3rd.—No. 1 Section Leaders Course dispersed.

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March 5th.—No. 2 Section Leaders Course assembled. The following attended :—

4259828 C.S.M. W. Downey	4256856 Sjt. B. McBeth
4259345 Cpl. R. Winship	4262862 Cpl. J. Foster
4260945 Cpl. W. Bailey	4259363 L/Cpl. C. Carr
4262391 Cpl. R. Millen	4261101 Lce.-Cpl. M. Cowan
4263167 L/Cpl. J. Murdock	4258731 L/Cpl. T. Cook
4263174 Cpl. A. Todd	4261497 Sjt. H. Wiles
4263484 Cpl. J. Taylor	4262010 Cpl. W. White

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ATTACHMENTS.

The following 7th Battalion ceased to be attached for rations from 11/3/28 inclusive :—4258373 Sjt. E. Robinson, 4264946 Fus. P. Banks, 4264017 Fus. T. Davison.

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12/3/28 inclusive :—4263166 Fus. H. Parker, 4264765 Fus. W. Hirst, 4264239 Fus. E. Miller.

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March 6th.—We were pleased to receive a visit from Captain Dent. He is at present with the Depôt of the Royal Corps of Signals at Catterick.

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March 10th.—The Cooks Course and No. 2 Section Leaders Course dispersed.

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March 13th.—Captain Hogshaw and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt assisted in conducting an examination of Section Leaders of the 6th Battalion. The standard was generally good, but some curious answers were received in reply to the question : " What are the three kinds of (rifle) fouling ? " Answers included : " MATERNAL," " ETERNAL," " BETALLIC " and " SUPERFLESH "!

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March 18th.—Part I. of an Advanced Machine Gun Course was held. The following attended from the 5th Battalion :—

4258684 Sjt. A. Black	4259309 Sjt. E. Robson
4262109 L/Cpl. L. A. Carr	4262063 Cpl. W. Graham
2923108 Cpl. S. Crozier	4259083 L/Cpl. W. Campbell
4264513 L/Cpl. W. Campbell	

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The following attended from the 6th Battalion :—

4437071 Sjt. C. Johnston	4257611 Sjt. J. J. Ferguson
4264578 Sjt. D. Bowman	4440655 Cpl. W. Nicholson
4262998 L/Cpl. T. Milburn	4262294 Cpl. H. Weddle
4437137 L/Cpl. R. Rogerson	

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Mr. Pringle returned from leave.

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March 20th.—The 5th/68th Inter-Depôt Boxing was held, an account of which will be found in our " Sports column."

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March 21st.—The Depôt defeated Greenmarket in the semi-final of the N.F.A. Mid-Week Cup. We welcome Mr. Beall, of the 4th Battalion, who arrived to do a fortnight's attachment.

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March 24th.—October Squad left us to join the 1st Battalion at Ballykinlar, under Capt. Hogshaw and Sjt. Fitzgerald.

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We welcome Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Douthwaite and Mr. Besley, all of the 5th Battalion, who arrived to do a fortnight's attachment.

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March 25th.—Part II. of the Advanced Machine Gun Course was held.

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No. 2 Cooks Course was held from the 19th to 24th March. The undermentioned from the 5th Battalion attended :—

4259257 Fus. R. J. McCormack	4261105 Fus. B. Hailey

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Captain Braddell has hunted regularly throughout the season. Major Chenevix-Trench, since the arrival of " Judy " and " Paleface," has also been seen in the hunting field. Needless to say, " The Stud " arrived looking very fit indeed.

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It is understood that Captain Braddell, Mr. Pringle and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt have enjoyed several good runs with the Newcastle and District Beagles.

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We learn that Captains Arkwright and English are in partnership in Kenya, and are very busy growing tobacco. We understand that Mrs. Arkwright leaves for Kenya some time this summer.

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The following Courses have been arranged for the personnel of the 149th Infantry Brigade, T.A., and will be held next month :—

Two Section Leaders Courses (32 vacancies at each).
Two Lewis Gun Courses (32 vacancies at each).
Elementary Machine Gun Course (21 vacancies).
Cook's Courses (2 vacancies each week).

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It is understood that Simon, " Merky Up," will almost certainly face the starter at " The Torpeth " Point-to-Point on 7th April.

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ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

No definite arrangements as yet have been made for St. George's Day, but the programme will probably be as follows:—

9.45 a.m.	Inspection Parade.
10. 5 a.m.	A wreath will be laid at the South African War Memorial, Barras Bridge.
11.20 a.m.	Service at St. Nicholas's Cathedral.
12.0 noon.	Wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial in Eldon Square.
1.15 p.m.	Dinners.
1.30 p.m.	Lunch in Officers' Mess.

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REGIMENTAL AID SOCIETY'S BALL (Wed., 25th April).

We are very pleased to be able to report that Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., and Lady Wilkinson have signified their intention of being present at the Ball, and have kindly consented to receive the guests.

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We hope to be able to report next month that the Ball has proved to be a great success, financially as well as in every other respect.

SERJEANTS MESS NOTES.

Sjt. and Mrs. Green re-embarked for India in the *City of Paris*, at Liverpool, on the 28th February. Owing to the fact that he proceeded to Liverpool direct from his home address, we were unable to give him the usual farewell, and take this opportunity of bidding them good-bye and the best of luck in the future.

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Sjt. Bowker and Lce.-Sjt. Gray left us on the 26th February

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to proceed to Hythe for a Long Qualifying Course. We hope they will return with the much coveted " D."

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Congratulations to Sjt. and Mrs. Peppiatt on the birth of a daughter on 10th February, 1928. " Pep " has yet to be seen pushing the perambulator, but he can sing that little song " I'm a Daddy."

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C.M.S. S. C. Curtis re-engaged to complete 21 years' service, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 11th instant. More strength to his elbow.

SPORTS NOTES.

Football.

Tyneside Wednesday Amateur League.

29/2/28. *Versus* Newcastle Post Office. Won, 6—1. Home.
7/3/28. *Versus* Depôt, D.L.I. Lost, 1—3. Away.

Friendly Match.

19/3/28. *Versus* Depôt, D.L.I. Won, 6—1. Home.

N.F.A. Mid-week Cup (Semi-Final).

21/3/28. *Versus* Greenmarket A.F.C. Won, 2—1. Away.

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Our team won a well-earned victory. They played good football under extremely trying conditions ; except for a narrow strip of grass down one touch line the field of play resembled an Irish bog rather than a football ground. The mud was four or more inches deep in most places, making it very difficult to lift the ball or even to stand up. We now meet " Newcastle Wednesday " at St. James's Park, in the Final, on Wednesday, 18th April.

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Team :—

L/Sjt. Bell.
Dr. McCartney. Sjt. Peppiatt (*capt.*).
L/Cpl. Avery. Cpl. Babington. Fus. Webster.
Fus. Cuthbert. Cpl. Smart. Fus. Hughes. Fus. Gregory.
Fus. Nicholson.

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Garrison Football League Results to 8th March, 1928.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals For.	Agst.	Points.
5th Fus. Depôt Staff	6	5	–	1	20	10	11
D.L.I. Depôt Staff	5	3	1	1	17	10	7
21st Field Brigade R.A. HQ. ..	6	2	3	1	12	8	6
5th Fus. Recruits ..	6	3	3	–	14	23	6
" Z " Battery R.A.	4	2	2	–	4	4	4
" Y " Battery R.A.	5	1	3	2	4	18	2
D.L.I. Recruits ..	4	–	4	–	3	9	0

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Cricket.

The annual match of the 5th/68th Regimental Depôts and the Borderers has been provisionally fixed to take place on 19th July.

Boxing.

On Tuesday, 20th March, the Inter-Depôt Recruits Boxing Competition was held. Some very excellent fighting was witnessed, and after a great struggle the Shield was retained by the team of the 68th Regimental Depôt, who were the winners of the previous competition, held in December, 1927.

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We wish to thank Capt. D. Rutherford, M.C., of the 6th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers, who very kindly carried out the duties of referee for us ; and Mr. Weber and Mr. Galloway, of the Royal Artillery, who carried out the judging. Our thanks are due also to Q.M.S. Instr. Curtis, A.P.T. Staff, and his assistants, for their work in arranging the competition.

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At the conclusion of the fighting, Major R. V. Turner, D.S.O., Commanding 68th Regimental Depôt, after commenting on the high standard of the fighting which he had seen, presented the Shield to Cpl. Curry, the captain of the winning team. A list of winners and runners-up is appended.

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110 *lbs. to* 120 *lbs.*

Fus. Francis *v.* Pte. Smith. Won by Fus. Francis.
Fus. King *v.* Pte. Mahan. Won by Fus. King.
Fus. Amos *v.* Pte. Ayre. Won by Fus. Amos.

120 *lbs. to* 130 *lbs.*

Fus. Hatton *v.* Pte. Patterson. Won by Pte. Patterson.
Fus. Carr *v.* Pte. Hanley. Won by Pte. Hanley.
Fus. Jenkins *v.* Pte. Gower. Won by Pte. Gower.

130 *lbs. to* 140 *lbs.*

Fus. McKie *v.* Pte. Turnbull. Won by Pte. Turnbull.
Fus. Allinson *v.* Pte. McQuaile. Won by Fus. Allinson.
Fus. Hanlon *v.* Pte. Clayton. Won by Pte. Clayton.
Fus. Mason *v.* Pte. Parrett. Won by Pte. Parrett.

140 *lbs to* 150 *lbs.*

Fus. Ferguson *v.* Pte. North. Won by Fus. Ferguson.
Fus. Hughes *v.* Pte. Cockburn. Won by Fus. Hughes.
Fus. Bowes *v.* Pte. Fullerton. Won by Pte. Fullerton.

150 *lbs. over.*

Fus. Gatenby *v.* Pte. Miskell. Won by Fus. Gatenby.
Fus. Wilson *v.* Pte. Smart. Won by Pte. Smart.

5th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

Walker-on-Tyne,
March, 1928.

WELL, here we are, in the month of March. We all went down to the Drill Hall like lions, full of pep. after our long vacation.

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Alas! we returned like lambs, sadder and wiser men, after grappling with Organisation Sheets, Training Programmes, and such like pleasant occupations.

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After we had gone through Company Books, E549's, etc., our zip., pep., beans, or whatever our American cousins call it, went down fifty per.

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However many things have been put down on paper, certain irrepressible spirits have been put down, our strength is down, the temperature is down, everything is down except the subalterns' beer, which is still ? per pint.

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Still, life has its little humours. There is a good one to relate this month. One of the chief activities of recent days has been the fixing of the new Miniature Range. This has been done mainly by the Adjutant and the Permanent Staff. Hearing heavy hammering overhead one evening, a certain zealous Officer proceeded up to the Range to investigate, and on arrival perceived a certain fat, perspiring figure somewhat resembling the typical naval stoker, stripped to his Jason, hard at work with a hammer.

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"Look here, my man! You cannot go on like this at this time of night." Surprised by the interruption, the figure looked round, and in doing so missed one nail but hit another —the wrong one. "Hell ! ! ! * * ? ? — — ? " We leave you to guess, dear reader, who the fat, perspiring figure was. No prize awarded.

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In spite of these difficulties in hitting the correct nails, the range is now complete, and we hope to report some good shooting results next month, when various competitions take place, details of which are not yet to hand.

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Meanwhile it has been suggested that all it needs to make it go with a swing are a few settees (for spectators, of course), a few palms and shaded lights—the sort of place, in fact, one could show with pride to a friend on dance evenings. The idea seems quite O.K., but methinks there is more in it than meets the eye.

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The Serjeants' Dances are in full swing, with satisfactory results to all. They are to be congratulated on their good shows.

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A successful Whist Drive was held at Walker by the Battalion Women's Guild, under the auspices of Mrs. Anderson, the wife of our Commanding Officer ; 130 members of the Battalion and their friends attended.

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We congratulate R.S.M. Tyrrell on being granted an extension of 12 months on the Permanent Staff.

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Lieuts. Besley, Douthwaite and Stephenson all proceed to the Depôt this month to undergo the first part of their Initial Course of Training. They are assured of a jolly good time, and we hope the Depôt Staff have some rods in pickle for them.

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On Sundays, 18th and 25th, a Machine Gun Course was held at the Depôt. This was attended by Mr. Rowe and seven N.C.O.'s of the M.G. Platoon. Our thanks are due to the Depôt Adjutant, Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, for the heart-breaking task he set himself. Owing to the unfortunate illness of Sjt. Chapman, Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt had to take some six hours' lecturing and demonstrating on his own shoulders. We assure him of our appreciation of his efforts to bring us slap up to date in everything pertaining to M.G.'s.

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Recruits are coming in slowly but surely, and interest is on the increase, which is a good sign for the coming weeks.

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We have now a tea and coffee stall in the men's Recreation Room, and on drill nights each Fusilier gets his fill. Judging by the crowd and the conversation this feature is appreciated.

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We are having an Intensive Training Week, commencing on Monday, 14th May, and finishing on Friday, 18th May. This was fairly successful last year, and we hope it will be more successful this year.

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The Commanding Officer, Adjutant, Quartermaster and Company Commanders are going to spend a week-end visiting the Camp site on 28th–29th April.

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The Annual Musketry Sundays begin on 1st April. Firing takes place by Companies, "A" Company being first choice. This year we have to burn the midnight oil pouring over Amendments to the Annual Musketry Course, as the economy axe has come down on our yearly pops at the Ponteland targets, and the sport is now confined to those below the rank of Company Commander.

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Seeing that it is only a matter of time and money before the T.A. re-organise on a Machine Gun Company and 3 Rifle Company basis, a meeting has been arranged at Gosforth, on the 28th instant, with the idea of interesting employees of the Civil Service. These are the people we regard as forming the rank and file of the Machine Gun Company in the near future, and it is hoped to enrol the services of a large number. Who said that the Battalion did not advance with the times ?

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One of the Company Offices is locked by day and guarded by Drill night. It fell about thus :—A certain subaltern obtained by bribery and corruption (to wit, one beer) a large tablecloth of beautiful green baize. Shortly afterwards this was noticed by leading lights of the Sergeants' Mess, who remembered that the Sergeants' Mess had possessed one similar when they were out in South Africa. A Council of Action was held, but the Company Office had been bolted and barred in case of attack. Peace negotiations are being opened up. (Further instalment next month.)

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Our strength to-day is 18 Officers and 465 Other Ranks.

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It is rumoured that one Officer has hired a blind charger and is having it confined to walking exercise in preparation for Camp ; while yet another has purchased two fillies of the Mumphtaz Mahal type, and is having them treated with phospherine and Kruschen to get that flying start.

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We are looking forward to St. George's Day next month, in the same way as you are. We hope to be as merry and as sober as everyone else.

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7th BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
26th March, 1928.

VOLUNTARY Classes for Section Leaders, Signallers and Machine Gunners have been happily completed—there is now a lull before compulsory drills commence in April; N.C.O.'s bursting with knowledge voluntarily acquired are waiting to pounce on the compulsory victims.

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The Battalion Rifle Club is to start voluntary shooting in April, on the Park Wall Range at Alnwick. All serving members of the Battalion are eligible to shoot, and it is hoped that the troops will attend in large numbers. Shooting commences at 2.30 p.m. weekly on Wednesdays.

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Strength to-day is 20 Officers and 544 Other Ranks. The appeal in this column last month has not produced the 100 recruits required, but 15 have come in during March.

BERWICK DETACHMENT NOTES.

Congratulations are due to the Teams that represented the Detachment in the Volunteer Serjeants' and Chipchase Miniature Range Competitions at the end of last month, and the positions obtained in both events by the Detachment augurs well for future events.

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Section Leading and Machine Gun Classes have been completed, and we are now looking forward to the opening of the Drill Season, which commences here on the first week in April.

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Recruiting for the T.A. in this area is at present at a standstill, but with the opening of the Drill Season we hope that things will look up and that the vacancies in the Detachment will be quickly filled up.

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We have been on the look-out for the dealer who was asked, in the columns of the *St. George's Gazette* of last month, to produce the necessary material, packed in bundles of 10, who up to date has not delivered the goods, and we can assure him that at the moment bundles of 5 would be acceptable.

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Cpl. J. Skelly and Fus. Donoghue have been on a week's Course in Machine Gunnery at Catterick, and during the Training Season we hope to hear a lot of what has been learned.

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Fuslrs. Lough, Eccles and Fox have been to the Depôt, Newcastle, for a week-end Course in Sanitation and Water Duties, and were greatly interested in all that was taught.

This month we have said good-bye regimentally to C.S.M. White and Cpl. Wilson, both of the Chatton Platoon, and to say that we are sorry does not convey to the outsider any idea of what the loss of a W.O. and N.C.O. of their standing means to a Territorial Company. Times like these require men of their experience in out-stations to keep together members of the T.A., and also keep the Detachment up to strength with the right type of recruit.

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C.S.M. White and Cpl. Wilson were the first to join the Chatton Platoon, in May, 1922, and at the moment there is nearly a complete Platoon in this small village, mainly due to the ability of this W.O. and N.C.O., and we only hope their successors will take as keen an interest in this Detachment as has been shown in the past.

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To them we offer our sincerest thanks for what they have done, and we hope that whether at home or abroad they will continue to show a keen interest in all things Territorial.

ASHINGTON NOTES.

On 16th March, the Company turned out as strong as possible and marched to North Seaton "Picture Hall," where they were invited by the Manager, Mr. Henderson, to see a very good war film, "The Somme." Everyone enjoyed it, especially the Recruits, who turned up in full force.

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Drills commence for trained men on 6th April. Although many old members have left the Company, owing to the employment in Ashington being so bad and forcing them to seek employment elsewhere, the Company is only 8 under strength.

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Strength to date:—Officers, 3; Other Ranks, 110.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD.

March, 1928.

THE following letter and verse which we received are noteworthy for the fine spirit and *esprit de corps* evinced by their writer, Mr. William Hall, 208, Trundleys Road, Deptford, S.E. 8:—

"DEAR SIR,

I hope the lines I have enclosed will be worthy of a place in your Regimental *Gazette*. I had the pleasure of serving seven years in the Northumberland Fusiliers, from the 1st November, 1886, until 31st October, 1893, and am proud to say I left with an exemplary character.

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I served under Colonel Fitzroy, also Colonel Hackett. In my time, Sir, we had some fine gentlemen in the FIFTH, such men as Majors Way, Beamish, Captains Henry, Dashwood, Sitwell, Lieut. O'Brian Searl, and many other gentlemen. We also had a tug-o'-war team second to none, and a bayonet team that won first prize at the great Hall, London ; also a famous corps of Drums and a fine Band : they were something to be proud of, Sir. But I regret to state I have never seen the Regiment since I left, but I still hope to some day. I was foot orderly to General Wood about 1888–9, at Colchester ; I also served 5 years and 3 months in the 20th County of London Regiment during the Great War ; most of time was spent in Burmah (Rangoon). They were not a patch on the 'Old and Bold.'

Sir, if my lines find a place in the *St. George's Gazette*, could I have one sent me ?

I am late 1681 Pte. Wm. Hall, of 'E' Company, under Captain Sitwell and Colour-Serjeant Walton.

I now close, with best wishes to Officers and Men of the dear old Regiment."

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I love to praise the brave old Corps that Wellington knew so well ;
In many a fight they've proved their might, as their Colours plainly tell.
Though I'm getting old, and my eyes are dim, my memory's not at loss :
I sometimes think of Colonel Ridge, who fell at Badajos ;
And when to Brighton by the sea I go, by tram or vessel,
I always go to Hove and see the tomb of Phœbe Hessel.
I used to wear the scarlet coat, and busby on my head ;
Let other Regiments please take note of the white plume tipped with red.
I hope my lines will take effect and prove to you a gift.
All honour to the old *Gazette* of the famous Fighting FIFTH!

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Birds, bulbs and blizzards, each in their turn, remind us of the advent of Spring, followed by Summer. The crowning reminder that this hypothetical season is due in a short time, is the production of the N.A.A.F.I. Summer Sports Catalogue, of which we have received a copy. In it is set forth only such implements of sport as require summer sunshine for their enjoyment. No reminders of winter mud and gloom, in the shape of footballs and hockey knockers are to be found between its covers, but your needs in the line of cricket, golf, tennis and athletics are met in profusion and at prices which seem to fit in with that universal and human desire to "get it a bit cheaper."

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Mrs. L. Gibson
P.M.C., 2nd Battalion
Major K. G. Williams

Letters to the Editor.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
31st March, 1928.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st January and 31st March, as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Colonel D. Sapte	2	2	0
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Mrs. Bigge	0	10	0
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Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.	2	2	0
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Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (LT.-COL.),
Secretary and Treasurer.

THE BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
4th April, 1928.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The fifth Annual Ball in aid of the Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society is being held this year on Wednesday, 25th April, at the Old Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Last year a sum of £255 was raised from the proceeds of the Ball and handed over for the benefit of the Aid Society. We hope to try and do likewise this year, and even to try to raise more.

At present many past Officers of the Regiment subscribe annually, through their Bankers, to the Aid Society; likewise all Officers serving in the 1st and 2nd Battalions give a day's pay in April of each year.

May I ask those Officers who have served in the Regiment, and are not annual subscribers through their Bankers, and also Officers who are now serving but are seconded from the Regiment, if they cannot attend the Ball, to send a donation to me. The price of a ticket is 25s.

During 1927 unemployment on Tyneside showed little improvement, and there are still many men who have served in the Regiment out of work.

Yours truly,
J. F. CHENEVIX-TRENCH,
Hon. Secretary,
Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society Ball.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

St. George's Day Celebration.

IT is regretted that all efforts to secure a suitable rendezvous to celebrate St. George's Day on the correct date has been of no avail, and consequently it has been decided to hold it at *Headquarters, The Westminster Dragoons*, Elverton Street, Horseferry Road, Westminster, S.W. 1, on Tuesday, the 24th April, 1928, and as in former years a Dance will be held, commencing at 7 p.m.; admission by ticket only; extra tickets for friends can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. I. Morgan, price 1/- each. Red and White Roses will be on sale, cost of which will be 3d. each.

The Wreath Ceremony, at the Cenotaph, on Sunday, 22nd April. The members will parade on the Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall, as strong as possible, at 11.30 a.m., and march to the Cenotaph, whereon a wreath will be laid on behalf of the Association, in memory of those of our comrades who gave their lives in the Great War. *Friends invited.* At the conclusion of the ceremony, by the kind permission of the Commandant, Corps of Commissionaires, the members are invited to reassemble at the Corps Headquarters, 419, Strand, where new members may be enrolled.

It is hoped that as many as possible of our members will attend, and thereby afford support to our Association, which is representing a Regiment whose home is 272 miles away from London, also serving to show to the people of this large City the spirit which still prevails in the Fighting Fifth.

Membership.—We welcome amongst our members who have joined recently:—Messrs. Alves, C. Dunn, S. G. Hawkins, T. Warner, H. Croft, A. E. Everett, W. Meggs, E. Poultney, H. Skinner, T. Walton, S. Lonsdell, A. G. Knowler, and A. G. Beckford. All these have just left the 1st and 2nd Battalions.

In addition to the above, the following have also joined:—Mr. J. Seed, well known as a Regimental footballer in the 2nd Battalion; Messrs. W. Hall, C. Adler, A. Pomfret and J. Winteringham, old 1st Battalion men.

Employment.—We have now quite a number of members registered on our books, amongst whom are a number of those who have recently left the 1st and 2nd Battalions; and an appeal is therefore being made to our members to spare no effort to assist the Hon. Secretary to place those of us who are unfortunately amongst the many who are unemployed.

Full particulars of those of our members registered will be forwarded immediately on application.

H. I. MORGAN, *Hon. Sec.*

THROUGH FRENCH EYES.

Amusing Advice to Cadets of St. Cyr Military Academy.

"NEVER forget that it is a delicate compliment to your host not to smoke when you drink his port, for that indicates that his port is of a superior quality."

This is one of the many amusing instructions given to French Cadets from the Military Academy at St. Cyr, on the occasion of their coming visit to England, by M. Andre Maurois, in an article concerning the exchange of visits of English and French cadets.

"It is also polite to smoke a cigarette before the cigar," he adds.

"You will have an orderly," he proceeds.

"His English will be difficult to understand. Perhaps he is a miner, or a foundry worker. You will please him if you ask him questions about his trade and his native place. Give the hotel porters one shilling if you are in uniform; sixpence if in mufti.

"If you are vulgar enough to go into a public-house, do not offer the barmaid a tip, for she is a woman. Besides, some barmaids have married peers of the realm.

"You will be received by the Fifth Fusiliers. After dinner ask to see their dog. It is a stuffed dog, but last year came to life in an extraordinary fashion for some moments."

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,

PRESTON CROWMARSH,

NEAR WALLINGFORD,

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DEATH.

TERRILL.—At Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, on 24th March, 1928, John E. Terrill, late R.Q.M.S., Northumberland Fusiliers, the beloved husband of Annie Terrill, 95, Oxford Drive, N.W.; deeply mourned.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The following having attained the age limit of liability to recall cease to belong to the Reserve of Officers:—

Colonel C. M. A. Wood, C.M.G., D.S.O. (dated 2nd April).
Major B. H. Jones (dated 18th January).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

5th Bn.—Second-Lieut. H. H. Davidson to be Lieutenant (dated 1st Jan., 1928).

6th Bn.—Lieut.-Colonel A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., to be Brevet-Colonel (dated 29th March, 1928).

6th Bn.—Lt.-Col. (Bt.-Col.) A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., is retired on completion of tenure of command, and retains his rank, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform (dated 29th March); Major G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., to be Lieut.-Colonel (dated 29th March).

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Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,
April, 1928.

THE great Day of St. George is fast approaching once again, and the numerous activities connected with the preparations are in full swing, and by the time these notes are in print all will be over. The P.M.C. (Capt. Sutherland) is inundated with letters and immersed in menus, etc.

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Our head gardener (Capt. Lindsay) can be seen each day hacking and hoeing, designing and digging, and persistently planting, and a large " V " in turf, surrounded by flowers, has emerged in front of the Officers' Mess.

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Many St. George's Day Parade rehearsals have had to be cancelled owing to the weather, but in spite of this, and the rather large number of recruits at present in the Battalion, we hope to be fairly parade-worthy on the Day.

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We have done particularly well in the realm of Sport, as will be seen elsewhere, and our boxing team deserves special mention on reaching the semi-finals of the Army Inter-Unit Team Championships, under the energetic leadership of Mr. Carr-Ellison. They fought the 1st Bn. The Royal Scots at Glasgow, the 2nd Bn. The King's Regiment at Lichfield, and the 2nd Bn. The East Lancashire Regiment at Aldershot, all in the space of eight days—a great feat of endurance, when one considers the distances to travel as well as the fighting.

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Ten years ago, this same month witnessed fighting of a more terrible nature, in which Battalions of the Regiment were practically " wiped out," as the following extracts from the *Times* of the 2nd April, 1918, and the *Evening Chronicle* of the 25th April, 1918, re-published in the Editorial Notes of *St. George's Gazette* of April, 1918, will show :—

" In this fighting one Battalion of the FIGHTING FIFTH held at bay for three hours ten Battalions of the enemy, and only gave ground when orders came for a general readjustment of the line. Later in the day, another Battalion of the Fusiliers that had been resting after very severe fighting was brought back into the line and, in the teeth of the most desperate resistance, stormed and carried a strong enemy position held by three of the best Battalions the enemy had in this region. This Battalion remained in possession of the captured ground in face of repeated attacks lasting into the fourth day, and in that period never yielded as much as a foot of ground, notwithstanding the fury of the German attacks and the reckless way in which the enemy threw away men in order to attain their objects. The German army orders admitted that the opposition offered to them at this stage was altogether unexpected, and that they had never imagined any one battalion capable of putting up such a fight."

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" When the first Battalions of Northumberland men came into action, they were faced with odds of eight to one, and in spite of their weariness they had to take on very difficult operations against a strong position in which the Germans had established themselves. Nothing I have seen in this war could equal the magnificent heroism of the Northumberland men. Through a tempest of shell-fire, over ground that was a veritable valley of death, they advanced, never slackening the rate of advance, never seeming to hesitate for a second, but always pressing on relentlessly and persistently, and driving the enemy before them as they advanced. . . ."

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Let us not forget.

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The re-organisation of the Battalion has been completed as regards personnel, and " Z " Company is now a memory of the past, the new-born Machine Gun Company taking its place, the probable forerunner of many such deaths and births. " Z " Company made a final gesture by winning the Champion Company Championship by 12 points from " W " Company (full results will be seen elsewhere), and have thus been Champion Company two years in succession.

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One cannot let this Company be relegated to the past without some attempt at an epitaph :—

" Farewell, dear old ' Z '! " their Captain said,
As with heavy heart he turned away.
" No more shall we move in arrowhead ;
No more shall we ever lead the way.
Changed are the times of both Peace and War.
Farewell, old ' Z '! we're wanted no more.

" Farewell, old ' Z '! No more can we say
That our place is right of the line.
It's damned machine guns they want to-day,
Not brave riflemen from the Tyne.
But never mind, we'll man the Vickers :
No man shall say that we aren't stickers.

" Farewell, old ' Z '! " We are first to go ;
The others will follow one fine day.
It won't be long 'ere we fight the foe
From behind thick armour, so they say ;
But howe'er we fight we shall always chant
That motto old : " Quo fata vocant."

" Farewell, old ' Z '! " thy spirit stays
Tho' the weapons old are back in store ;
Tho' you have all gone your varied ways,
You have still got your *esprit-de-corps*.
Gunner or runner, do what you're told,
Is the spirit of " The Old and Bold."

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This month is a particularly busy one. Two Companies (" Y " and the Machine Gun) are doing Company Training, and the other two are finding duties and having their kits inspected by the Commanding Officer ; then we have rehearsals for St. George's Day and the Day itself, followed by a visit by the Quartermaster-General of the Forces, followed by the Annual Inspection by the G.O.C. Northern Ireland District. One Officer at least has had a fearsome nightmare as a consequence and he has kindly given the writer of these notes a description of the terrible time he went through, thus :—

" I was sitting in my Company office, meditating on horses, dogs, point-to-points, pints, and the possibilities of leave, when an Orderly arrived and handed me a chit from Orderly Room ;

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but apart from the usual momentary heart spasm associated with the arrival of a chit from this source, I felt no other pathological symptoms, nor yet any psychological ones—in other words, I continued my day dreams of happiness, the chit unread before me. Extraordinary how one can be thinking of things consciously, and yet one's eyes can register anything important subconsciously, and how then the brain casts aside what it is thinking about and concentrates immediately upon the matter the eyes have communicated to it. So it was with me—horses, dogs, point-to-points, pints, etc., still filled my mental horizon, but my eyes must have dropped on that unread chit and they registered one word : ' Inspection.' Instantly my brain cleared itself to grapple with this fresh matter ; instantly my body was galvanised into active life ; the heart beats quickened suddenly to a crescendo ; legs and arms, body and head moved in their various directions of co-ordinated movement. I read the chit :

> ' General St. George will inspect the kits of your Company on the 23rd instant, immediately after the Quartermaster-General has killed the dragon with the Drummer's Colour. Your Company will be formed up on the field of Halma in double echelon outwards, facing upwards by 11.30 a.m. Dress—Anti-tank order, less fire buckets.'

" I felt dazed, and perspiration poured down my face, and it was only after a long draught of oil, corrosive, rifle, mark VI., that I managed to push the chit into the hand of my C.S.M., muttering ' quo fata vocant ' incoherently.

" The next phase of my nightmare is only a jumbled memory of doctors, morphine, bed-cots, respirators and dragons, and a faint recollection of two of the latter—one a real one and one mechanised—fighting in the Gymnasium.

" The day of the inspection, though, is vividly impressed on my memory in every detail.

" I had drawn up my Company as required, and I had just placed myself on my back, face upwards, in conformity with the rest of my Company, when General St. George appeared over me, and I immediately gave the order : ' Kit Company—legs upward—present! ' He ordered me to slope and order legs, and lie easy, and then conferred with me as follows :—

" ' Your name ? '

" ' Captain Porte-Maison, Sir, Commanding Kit Company.'

" ' Oho! Porte-Maison, eh? ' and turning to a Staff Officer : ' Captain Doormat-Jones, down with the portcullis and flood the moat.' And then to me again :

" ' I will now inspect your Company, What is that man's name ? '

" ' Gosteady, Sir.'

" ' Go steady! go steady! What the devil do you mean ? Go steady! I'll have you court-martialled and badajosed! Make a note of that, Captain Doormat-Jones.'

" ' Sorry, Sir, but that is the man's name.'

" ' Oh! is it ? Don't you know that such a name is forbidden by the *Manual of Military Nomenclature* ? How many children has this man ? '

" ' I don't know, Sir.'

" ' You don't know ? '

" ' No, Sir.'

" ' Make a note of that, Captain Doormat-Jones, he doesn't know. How long has this man been in your Company ? '

" ' About six months, Sir.'

" ' About! about! I expect all Officers to know these things for certain. About! about! Just make a note of that, Captain Doormat-Jones. Now, tell me, Captain Porte-Maison, what system of stoppages have you organised in your Company ? '

" ' The Torres Vedras system, Sir.'

" ' And what system is that, pray ? Just make a note of this, Captain Doormat-Jones.'

" ' Well, Sir, I have constructed three lines round my Company area, and every time there is a leakage we plug same, and this causes a No. 1 stoppage. We then fling back the anti-gas handles and elevate the return springs, causing Nos. 2 and 3 stoppages.'

" ' But don't you know, Captain Porte-Maison, that any system of stoppages must contain at least four stoppages ? '

" ' No, Sir.'

" ' A remarkably ignorant Officer. Make a note of that, Captain Doormat-Jones. Now, Captain Porte-Maison, will you please form a convex circle, facing inwards.'

" ' Yes, Sir. Kit Company!—lie stiff—echelon, encircle concave.'

" ' Convex, convex, convex! I said. Your knowledge of drill seems to be on a par with your other knowledge, or lack of it. Make a note of that, Captain Doormat-Jones.'

" At this moment the Quartermaster-General arrived, carrying the ear of the dragon he had just slain, and accompanied by the Armourer-Serjeant, the latter carrying the tug-of-war rope marked out in inches with white paint. The Quartermaster-General spoke to General St. George : ' I have measured the length of air between the bed-cots of this Company, and find that this length is barely sufficient for a germ, much less for a man. I also consider that the arrangement of tables, racks, etc., such as to cause extreme dirt and lack of cubic economy. I also find that the Company stores is being used as a dog-kennel, and that horses are being kept in the dining-hall. In fact, the whole of the interior economy of this Company is disgraceful.'

" During this conversation I noticed that Fusilier Gosteady had become restless, and had lit a cigarette, but on seeing my eye on him he quickly pushed it into his haversack, wherein were three smoke candles. These ignited and dense clouds of smoke quickly enveloped the scene. The sanitary squad quickly arrived with the Battalion swill tubs, which were quickly dumped on Fusilier Gosteady, who was now lying screaming on the ground, but as these tubs had unfortunately been filled with blank ammunition by mistake, the scene of chaos was only increased. During this time I had blown the ' Rally ' on my whistle and my Company were around me with the exception of Fusilier Gosteady, and as the ' Fire Alarm ' had now blown, and as my Company was Fire Duty Company, I doubled them over the parade ground, past the dead dragon, through the spectators, to the wash-houses, where they quickly turned on all taps that were not already running as usual. I then dismissed them, drew my sword, and walked backwards at the slow march at the double recover to the parade ground, whistling ' Scipio Africanus,' down the front of the spectators I marched, past the dead dragon pierced by the Drummer's Colour, and was just about to halt and salute when something hit me a stunning blow—and I woke up." Yes, truly, an awful dream!

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Mr. Parsons has returned from a signalling course at Catterick, and was immediately pounced on to carry the King's Colour on a St. George's Day rehearsal, owing to the temporary absence of Mr. Whelan, who was flung from his horse whilst out training and was slightly concussed.

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The total game bag for the season 1927–8 was :—Snipe 550, Plover 113, Pigeon 72, Rabbits 93, Wildfowl 50, Partridges 9, Woodcock 8, Pheasants 1, Hares 1 = total 897.

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The poems of " Bystander " have inspired the writer of these notes to such an extent that he feels he must endeavour to burst into verse also, knowing full well that the results will be poor, but also knowing that they are not likely to be read. What better subject for verse than St. George's Day ?

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ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1950—(A FORECAST).

When the Exchequer is not quite so thrifty,
Which may be about the year nineteen-fifty,
Then we shall be a real mechanised force ;
No more on our feet, no more on the horse.
But how shall we then on St. George's Day
Troop the Colours in the old, ancient way ?
We can't and we shan't, the pity it be.
Then how shall we troop ? Just listen to me!

Twelve tanks on the left, and twelve on the right ;
Twelve of them heavy, and twelve of them light.
Rear rank of " dragons "—mark six and mark nine ;
The Colours in front on the left of the line,
Mounted on " tractors for Colours—mark seven,"
Space between each to be tank lengths eleven.
The R.S.M. on a light armoured car
Takes post on the spot marked with a white star.

And turned to the left on the right of the line,
The Band tanks will form—numbered B one to nine.
Left of the Colours the Drum tanks will be,
Spaced out at intervals of tank lengths three ;
The R.S.M. then will give first order :—" Steady!"
When the Band and the Drums will come to the " Ready."
(Each Band tank fitted with musical reed,
Played by the exhaust when " revving " at speed.)

The Adjutant now will move to the star
And mount on the front of the R.S.M.'s car ;
And then order : " Officers, fall in, all!"
The Band tanks now playing " The Drummers' Call."
The Officers' cars will then wheel to the right,
Each Officer firing a red Very light.
On reaching the line they will " About turn!"
Halt, switch off, and then a smoke candle burn.

On this all engines will now be switched on,
Cuts-outs wide open, guns dipped, whereupon
The Drum tanks will wheel towards those of the Band ;
The Colours now forming to take up their stand
On right of the line, on a spot marked red ;
The line turning outwards in " line ahead."
The Major on parade will then light a flare,
And the line wheeling left will now form a square.

All guns load with blank and side inward face,
Then straight down parade, past saluting base ;
Band played " Scipio," guns all shooting ;
Officers saluting, klaxons hooting.
A smoke screen now curls high up in the sky,
" Quo fata vocant " you read with the eye.
All is now over, the troops gone away,
And so ends another St. George's Day."

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The following N.C.O.'s and men have been transferred to the Reserve during the last two months :—Cpl. Stanton, Lce.-Cpls. Field and Ashton, Fuslrs. Foster, Dolan, McQueen, Watchorn, Atkins, Power, Martin, Coates, Ruddy and Hall.

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The following have been discharged :—Cpl. Terry and Fus. Linley.

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The following have been discharged on medical grounds :—Sjt. Speed, Fuslrs. Montrose, Johnston, Lammin and Gilchrist.

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We wish them all the best of luck in civil life.

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CHAMPION COMPANY RESULTS, 1927–8.

Company.	Rifle.	L.G.	V.G.	Revolver.	Drill and Turn-out.	March and Shoot.	Asso. F'ball [1st League]	Asso. F'ball [2nd League]	Hockey.	Rugby.	Cross Country Run.	Sports.	Boxing.	Cricket.	Tug-of-War.	Total Marks.
"Z" ..	24	—	15	3	30	—	18	18	3	18	6	18	12	—	9	174
"W" ..	36	30	10	9	20	6	—	3	3	9	18	6	—	12	—	162
"Y" ..	—	20	—	6	10	18	12	3	12	9	—	—	18	18	3	129
"X" ..	12	10	5	—	—	12	6	12	18	—	12	12	6	6	6	117

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When these notes were begun, St. George's Day was still in the future, and now, before despatching them, there is just time to say that the Day is now over, and a very successful day at that. The early morning was wet, but the Fates were kind, and the weather cleared up before the Parade. A full account will be given in next month's notes, and the point of view of outsiders is given in the following extract from the *Irish Daily Telegraph* of the 24th April :—

KEEPING ST. GEORGE'S DAY.—TROOPING THE COLOURS.

" The most important Regimental observance of the Northumberland Fusiliers (The Fighting Fifth), and one which is unique in the British Army, is that of Trooping the Colours on St. George's Day. The festival was celebrated at Ballykinlar on Monday by the 1st Battalion of that famous Corps with fitting and impressive ceremonial, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering and numerous details of other Units now under training in the camp. The Fighting Fifth has earned many distinctions since its formation in the year 1674, and enjoys many privileges, one of which is that of wearing the combined red and white roses on St. George's Day. All ranks displayed in their service caps the dual emblem, while over the Headquarters of the Battalion floated the flag of St. George with the dragon as a centre-piece.

" COL. KERSHAW WELCOMED.

" Monday's ceremony served also to bring into intimate association the 1st with the 2nd Battalion, as a prominent figure in the proceedings was Lt.-Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., commanding the 2nd Battalion, now doing duty in India, and who is home on leave. Colonel Kershaw was given a most cordial welcome by all ranks. In addition to the King's and the Regimental Colours, there was also paraded the Drummers' Colours, which serve to commemorate an achievement of the Fusiliers when at Wilhelmstahl, in 1778, the ' Drums ' captured an enemy standard. These Colours were borne by the smallest drummer in the Battalion and occupied a place of honour at the saluting base.

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"Some 300 men paraded in drill order, and, headed by the Regimental Band, under Bandmaster Windrum, marched to the review ground under the command of R.S.M. Rowsell, the four Companies being in turn commanded each by a Warrant Officer, No. 1 Company acting as escort to the Colours. The parade was then handed over to the Lieutenant and Adjutant F. H. Butterfield, and Officers having fallen in, drums and fifes sounded the 'Assembly,' Major O. B. Foster, M.C., then taking command. Company Officers carried out inspections, and other preliminaries having been carried out the escort took up its allotted position to the strains of 'The British Grenadiers,' which is the Regimental march of the Fusiliers. The Royal Salute was given, and the troops advanced in review order, the salute being taken by Lt.-Col. Kershaw in the first instance, and then by Major-General F. F. Ready, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., with whom was Lieut. Stopford Sackville. The impressive proceedings terminated when the Colours were marched off and lodged in solemn form at the Officers' Mess, being handed into the custody of Drum-Major Hebron. The final stages of the proceedings were under the command of Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., commanding the 1st Battalion. The Company Commanders were Capt. G. J. W. Gatehouse, Lieut. C. E. Beckwith, Lieut. R. H. Yorke, and Lieut. G. H. Bolster, the Colour-bearers being 2nd-Lieut. R. P. Whelan and 2nd-Lieut. M. C. Sperr.

"STEADINESS ON PARADE.

"The troops displayed marked steadiness on parade, and the various and intricate evolutions were carried through with a precision that evoked warm-hearted praise. Among those present were Col. and Mrs. Rowan-Hamilton, Lady Clanwilliam, Lord and Lady Dunleath, Col. Right Hon. R. H. Wallace, C.B., Capt. Rt. Hon. Herbert Dixon and Mrs. Dixon, Brigadier-General H. G. Young, D.S.O., Mr. O. B. Graham, D.L., Sir Charles Wickham, D.S.O. (Inspector-General, Royal Ulster Constabulary), and Officers of the Units stationed in the Northern Ireland Command.

"The 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers has been stationed at Ballykinlar since 1925, and is due to move about the month of October next to York. Since its formation in 1674, the Regiment has served in Ireland on a number of occasions. Fusilier Companies were quartered in 1772–1773 at Gilford, Lurgan, Armagh, Hillsborough, Newry and Killyleagh, and served again in the North in 1785–87, when the Regiment earned the thanks of the town Mayor of Belfast for services rendered in fighting a serious outbreak of fire. In 1786 new Colours were dedicated in the old parish church of Belfast. In later years the FIFTH garrisoned Enniskillen and Newry."

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Everyone appeared to be struck by the steadiness of all ranks on parade, and the precision of the drill, which is very satisfactory, especially in view of the fact that there are a very large number of recruits in the Battalion at the moment.

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Telegrams of good wishes were received from the following:—General Wilkinson, 2nd Battalion, Depôt, 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions, General Armstrong, Colonels Ainslie and Athill, Major Auld, Captain and Mrs. Arkwright, Colonels Buckley and Moulton-Barrett, Colonel and Mrs. Bett, Major and Mrs. Buchanan, Captain Byrne, Colonel Hardman-Jones, Mr. Kilgour, Generals Lambton and Leach, Colonel Landen, Colonel and Mrs. Lamb, Colonel Leverson, Major Lawson, Air-Commodore Bonham-Carter, Colonel Dashwood, Mrs. Clifford, Colonel and Mrs. Enderby, Captain and Mrs. English, General Festing, Colonel-Commandant Girdwood, Captain Fenwick, Colonel Forsyth, Colonel and Mrs. Gordon, Majors Garnier and Gibbes, Colonel and Mrs. Heard, Rev. Hutchinson, Captain Hamilton, Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt, Mrs. Hargreaves, Captain and Mrs. Blackett-Ord, Old Comrades' Association, General Pilcher, Mr. Prickett and Mr. Forbes Watson, Colonels Roddam and Rushbrooke, The Royal Society of St. George, General Sitwell, Colonels D. S. Stewart, R. J. T. Stewart, Sturges, Sandilands and Somerville, Majors St. John and Stephen, Captain and Mrs. Lynch-Staunton, Captain Dorman-Smith, Colonel and Mrs. Turner, Major Thornton, Colonels Wilmott, Whitaker, Wright, Wood and Wild, and General Yatman.

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Colonel and Mrs. and Mr. Kershaw, Colonel Platt and Major Williams came over and stayed the week-end.

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The Serjeants' St. George's Ball was held in the evening, and was a great success. Further details next month.

1ST BATTALION FOOTBALL TEAM, 1927–8.

Back Row.—Lce.-Cpl. Bell. Lce.-Cpl. Charlton. Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart. Fus. Cornwall. Lce.-Cpl. Smart. Fus. Hardy.
Front Row.—Fus. Kellett. Fus. Dennison. Lce.-Cpl. Taylor (*captain*). Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes. Fus. Young.

The Regimental Dinner will be held in the Whitehall Rooms, Metropole Hotel, Northumberland Street, London (Whitehall Place entrance), on Thursday, the 7th June, at 7.45 p.m. for 8 p.m.

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Colonel D. Sapte has kindly consented to receive acceptances. Notices and acceptance cards will be sent to members on the 15th May.

POINT-TO-POINT NOTES.

On 24th March, the Point-to-point season commenced with the fixture of the East Down Harriers at Bright, where the Regiment were "At Home" to their friends and members of the hunt. The Band also played during the afternoon.

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The last race of the day was the Regimental Race for Colonel Yatman's Challenge Cup, and attracted a field of eight starters ;

BRIGHT RACES.
CONFINED FARMERS' RACE.
[*Nearest*] MR. MACMULLEN ON "BILLY BOY" (WINNER).

it was unfortunate that neither Colonel Herbert nor Captain Seth-Smith were able to ride, the former having strained a riding muscle and the latter recovering from jaundice ; neither were Mr. Macmullen's horses fit to enter.

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The course was some three miles, with 29 fences of the ditch and bank variety, and the going was very heavy after the recent rain.

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RESULTS.

1. Mr. W. D. F. Laing's "Tall Story" ; owner.
2. Capt. H. I. Powell's "Reform" ; Mr. Sperling.
3. Mr. Whelan's "Strongbow" ; owner.

ARMAGH RACES.—MILITARY POINT-TO-POINT.
Right.—Captain Seth-Smith on "Ulster Girl" (winner).
Centre.—Mr. Sperling on "Tall Story" (third).

Also ran—Capt. Seth-Smith's "The Seraph" (Mr. Enderby), Mr. Carr-Ellison's "Nigger" (owner), Mr. Butterfield's "Yoicks" (owner), Lt.-Col. Herbert's "Joanna" (Mr. Macmullen), Mr. Bolster's "Gaiety" (owner).

Won easily, three lengths between second and third.

Betting :—5–4 "The Seraph," 6–1 "Joanna," 2–1 "Tall Story," 10–1 others.

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"Tall Story" and "The Seraph" made the running for the first two miles, with "Joanna" some six lengths behind ; the remainder of the field tailed off.

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At the water jump, "The Seraph" fell and "Tall Story" went on to win easily for the second year in succession.

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Coming into the straight, "Reform," followed by "Strongbow," easily beat "Joanna" out of a place. "Joanna" was the only other to finish.

BRIGHT RACES.
POINT-TO-POINT FOR BRIGADIER-GENERAL YATMAN'S CUP.
THE WINNER, MR. LAING, COMING IN ON "TALL STORY."

Mr. Macmullen had a winning ride on Mr. G. Orr's "Billy Boy" in the Farmers' Race, and great credit is due to Copp for getting the horse fit, as he had it in his charge for a month previous to the race.

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The Co. Down Stag Hounds held their meeting at Ballyhaft, on 31st March, in beautiful weather.

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The G.-O.-C. presented a Cup for the Military Race, open to Officers serving in the N.I.D.

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The Regiment was represented by Mr. Laing's "Tall Story"

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and Mr. Stockley's "Strongbow," Mr. Macmullen having the ride on Mr. Stopford Sackville's "College Lane."

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RESULT.

1. Mr. Stopford Sackville's "Peaceful Boy II." (14/25th Hussars); owner.
2. Mr. Stopford Sackville's "College Lane"; Mr. Macmullen.
3. Mr. Laing's "Tall Story" (5th Fusiliers); owner.

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The race was run at a slow pace for the first two miles, with "Peaceful Boy" and "College Lane" always in the lead, and although "Tall Story" made a gallant effort to get on terms with the leaders he could not reduce their lead, "Peaceful Boy" winning by 1½ lengths from "College Lane," who was going very strongly at the finish.

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Mr. Macmullen also rode Mrs. Beamish's "My Lady" in the Hunt Race, and Mr. Laing was on Mr. Orr's "Billy Boy" in the Farmers' Race, but unfortunately they both fell, but without damage to themselves or their horses.

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The Armagh Hunt included an Open Military Race in their programme, and we sent up "Tall Story" and "Ulster Girl." The course was entirely grass with made-up fences, and the going very heavy in places.

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RESULT.

1. Capt. K. Seth-Smith's "Ulster Girl"; owner.
2. Mr. Stopford Sackville's "College Lane"; owner.
3. Mr. W. D. F. Laing's "Tall Story"; Mr. Sperling.

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"College Lane," ridden by his owner, started a hot favourite at 2–1 on, but on a fast run race was beaten 5 lengths by "Ulster Girl," with "Tall Story" 20 lengths behind.

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"Tall Story" made the running for the first mile, when "College Lane" showed in front, but was soon joined by "Ulster Girl," who went on to win as stated.

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Good odds were to be obtained on "Ulster Girl," and for once some of us made some money ! !

BOXING NOTES.

1ST BN. FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* 1ST BN. THE ROYAL SCOTS.

Officers' Heavy-Weights. Lieut. Carr-Ellison (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Captain Devereux.

Lieut. Carr-Ellison won, the fight being stopped in the third round. Mr. Carr-Ellison found it difficult to get past his opponent's very long reach, but was far fitter and scored points freely in the second and third rounds.

Officers' Middle-Weights.—2nd Lieut. Hobbs (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Lieut. Harland.

2nd-Lieut. Hobbs won by k.o. in the first round.

Officers' Light-Weights.—2nd-Lieut. Laing (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Lieut. Reynolds.

2nd-Lieut. Laing won on points. Mr. Laing made full use of his advantage in height and reach, and won fairly easily.

Bantam-Weights.—Bdsmn. Anderson (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Bruce.

Anderson won on points.

Feather-Weights.—Fus. Collighan (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Sjt. Burke.

Sjt. Burke won on points.

Light Heavy-Weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Stockton (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Cpl. Eustace.

Lce.-Cpl. Stockton won by k.o. in second round.

Heavy-Weights.—Cpl. Watson (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Pte. Taylor.

Taylor won by k.o. in third round.

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AT LICHFIELD.

1ST BN. FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* 2ND BN. THE KING'S REGIMENT.

Officers' Heavy-Weights.

Lieut. Carr-Ellison k.o. Lieut. Heyman in the first round.

Officers' Middle-Weights.

2nd-Lieut. Hobbs beat 2nd-Lieut. Edwards on points.

Officers' Light-Weights.

2nd-Lieut. Laing beat 2nd-Lieut. Shine, the fight being stopped in the second round.

Other Ranks. Light-Weights (3rd string).

Fus. Seymour beat Pte. Brennan on points.

Light-Weights (2nd string).

Cpl. Ross beat Cpl. Jones on points.

Welter-Weights (1st string).

Lce.-Cpl. Bromhead (King's Regt.) k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Norton in the first round.

Light-Weights (2nd string).—Cpl. Ross (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Pte. Bird.

Pte. Bird won on points. This was a good fight, the two men being well matched, and it was either man's fight up to the end.

Light-Weights (3rd string).—Fus. Seymour (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Sjt. Simmonds.

Seymour won on points. Seymour fought very well, and fully deserved his win.

Welter-Weights (1st string).—Lce.-Cpl. Norton (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Whippey.

Lce.-Cpl. Norton won by k.o. in the second round.

Welter-Weights (2nd string).—Fus. Miller (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Dmr. McShine.

Miller won by k.o. in 1st round.

Welter-Weights (3rd string).—Fus. Carty (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Pte. Fyvie.

Carty won by k.o. in second round.

Middle-Weights (1st string).—Cpl. Naylor (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Pte. Driscoll.

Pte. Driscoll won by k.o. in first round.

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Middle-Weights (2nd string).—Fus. McCaffrey (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Pte. McDonald.

McDonald won on a foul. McCaffrey was unlucky, as it was obviously unintentional; the Referee awarded him a point.

Welter-Weights (2nd string).

Lce.-Cpl. Mason (King's Regt.) beat Fus. Miller on points.

Welter-Weights (3rd string).

Sjt. Carlin (King's Regt.) beat Fus. Carty on points.

Middle-Weights (1st string).

Pte. Jackson (King's Regt.) beat Cpl. Naylor, the fight being stopped in the third round.

Middle-Weights (2nd string).

Pte. Carter (King's Regt.) k.o. Fus. McCaffrey in the third round.

Feather-Weights.

Fus. Collighan beat Bdsmn. Brookes on points.

Bantam-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Crummey (King's Regt.) beat Bdsmn. Anderson on points.

Light-Heavy-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Stockton (5th Fusiliers) beat Lce.-Cpl. Dyer on points. This was a very good fight. The first round was very even, but in the next two Stockton was boxing beautifully and was too clever for his opponent.

Heavy-Weights.

Cpl. Watson (5th Fusiliers) k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Stanton. Both men were very tired in the last round, and Watson, being slightly fitter, won.

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FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* EAST LANCS. (ALDERSHOT).

Officers' Heavy-Weights.

Lieut. Carr-Ellison beat Lieut. Thatcher on points.

Officers' Middle-Weights.

2nd-Lieut. Davidson (E. Lancs.) beat 2nd-Lieut. Hobbs on points. This was a good fight, but Mr. Hobbs was handicapped by his right arm, which had been damaged in his last fight.

Officers' Light-Weights.

Lieut. Manlove (E. Lancs.) beat 2nd-Lieut. Laing on points. Mr. Laing had his opponent down several times, but in trying to knock him out was inclined to drop his guard.

Other Ranks. Bantam-Weights.

Dmr. Bennett (E. Lancs.) beat Bdsmn. Anderson on points.

Feather-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Holcroft (E. Lancs.) beat Fus. Collighan on points.

Light-Weights (2nd string).

Pte. Jupp (E. Lancs.) k.o. Cpl. Ross in the first round.

Light-Weights (3rd string).

Fus. Seymour beat Boy Quilter on points.

Welter-Weights (1st string).

Cpl. Head (E. Lancs.) k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Norton.

Welter-Weights (2nd string).

Pte. Bailey (E. Lancs.) beat Fus. Miller on points.

Welter-Weights (3rd string).

Pte. Mason (E. Lancs.) beat Fus. Carty on points.

Middle-Weights (1st string).

Cpl. Benson (E. Lancs.) k.o. Cpl. Naylor in the first round.

Middle-Weights (2nd string).

Lce.-Cpl. Papworth (E. Lancs.) beat Fus. McCaffrey.

McCaffrey had the bad luck to break a bone in his arm in the second round, with the fight in a very even state.

Light Heavy-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Stockton beat Cpl. Langton on points.

Heavy-Weights.

Dmr. Kennedy (E. Lancs.) k.o. Cpl. Watson in the first round.

Light-Weights (1st string).

Pte. Ramsden (E. Lancs.) beat Cpl. Roper on points.

Fus. Collighan did very well against Lce.-Cpl. Holcroft who just beat him on points. Lce.-Cpl. Holcroft is the Amateur Champion of Wales.

TUG-OF-WAR.

The Northern Ireland District Bronze Medal Tournament was held in Belfast, on 3rd, 4th and 5th April.

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Both our tug-of-war teams, 130 stone and 110 stone, were entered, but the 130 stone team was unopposed, and so qualified for Olympia without having a pull. We acknowledge this tribute to their superiority, but regret it, as the more competition we can get before going to Olympia the better.

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In the 110 stone competition other teams were entered by the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and by the Sherwood Foresters. We defeated each of these teams by 2 pulls to 0.

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The tug-of-war teams have thus equalled the record of the boxing team by winning three years in succession. They also pride themselves somewhat on the fact that at no time during any pull in the N.I.D. competitions has the rope ever started to go towards their opponents.

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Both teams are now in training for the Royal Tournament, and hope to profit by two years' experience there and to get further in the competition than last year. The dates on which they pull are not yet known.

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The following represented the FIFTH in this year's competition at Belfast:—Capt. Pemberton, Cpl. Naylor, Lce.-Cpl. E. Morton, Fuslrs. Sherburn, Parker, Roach, Miller, Hartley, Frost. Reserves who trained with team:—Lce.-Cpl. J. Morton, Lce.-Cpl. Reid, Lce.-Cpl. Barber, Fus. White.

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AN ODE.

(Dedicated to the winner of the Regimental Race.)

Wherever you are in the future—
If your Fate be hard, or kind—
You will think of that race in '28,
It will ever come back to your mind!

That course at Bright, County Down,
It runs along close to the sea,
And it's *there*, as in '28, my boy,
You'll find yourself wishing to be!

The men whom you meet in later years
Will pass as ships in the night;
But you'll always remember the " Old Brigade,"
When you rode, to win, at Bright!

You'll never get between the " flags "
Without smelling the soft " Down " air;
And you'll never come on a bank and ditch
Without wishing to be back there!

If you ever become a rich man;
If you ever grow to be old;
You'll remember that race in '28,
Which you rode with the " Old and Bold."

" BYSTANDER."

THE ANTIDOTE.

It was an evening in late September, and the Castle of Hasse, main Headquarters of the Army of Veltona, was wrapped in mist, its towers and battlements looming large and menacingly, and on its staff, near the main gates, hung the flag of Veltona, limp and sodden.

The two sentries marching up and down their beats outside the gates were the only signs of life; the tramp of their feet on the cobbles echoing harshly, was the only sound that broke the silence.

But soon a faint throb could be heard interningling with the tramp of the sentries' feet, growing louder and louder, and out of the mist appeared a large limousine, bearing on its radiator a small black flag with the arms of Veltona in gold on its centre.

The sentries came to a halt, faced their fronts, and presented arms as the car turned into the main gates and entered the outer drive of the Castle. Inside could be dimly seen two figures in military uniform.

Within the space of ten minutes five exactly similar cars, each flying the same black flag, entered the gates—the six commanders of the six Army Corps of Veltona, with their Chiefs of Staff, had arrived at Main Headquarters.

As each Corps Commander and his Chief of Staff entered the castle they were ushered by aide-de-camps into a large library, down the centre of which ran a long table on which paper, pencils and maps were laid out. On one side of the wall hung a large scale map of Veltona.

The last of the six Corps Commanders had hardly entered the room before a door at the far end was quickly opened and two men entered.

The first, Field-Marshal Count Kattner, Commander-in-Chief of the Army of Veltona, was a tall man of about sixty, with deep-set eyes and a thin-lipped and rather hard mouth. A man, obviously, of great determination and personality. He was dressed in the black undress uniform of Veltona, and wore many orders and decorations.

The second, General Beil-Kortler, Chief-of-Staff, was a thin, sallow-faced man of about fifty, with the drooping shoulders and brooding air of a student.

Count Kattner acknowledged the salutes, and moving forward towards the end of the long table, spoke in a quick, clipped and rather harsh voice: " Good evening, Gentlemen; be seated pray; time is short; war will be declared within fifty-six hours."

The Corps Commanders and their Chiefs-of-Staff took their seats at the table, Count Kattner and General Beil-Kortler seating themselves at the head of it.

Count Kattner opened the conference: " The Government received positive information at 3 p.m. to-day that Ruania will declare war on Veltona on the evening of the 25th—that is, in fifty-six hours' time. As you all know, their annual manœuvres begin to-morrow: this will account for their concentration on our frontier. You also know that it has been rumoured for some months that Ruania has produced a certain gas for which they have not found an antidote. The rumour is correct, and a sample of the gas was procured two months ago, unknown to our enemies, and Professor Helst has been experimenting and has discovered an antidote. This antidote has been manufactured secretly in sufficient quantities for the immediate use of our troops. The Government are certain that Ruania has so far been unable to discover an antidote, but this will not prevent them using the gas, as it moves forward fairly quickly, regardless of wind direction, killing all living things in its path, and evaporates very quickly also, no trace remaining in the air or on the ground fifteen minutes after its passage. This means that an army employing it can follow in its path with impunity at the end of this period of time. The Government have information that the enemy intend to advance over our frontier behind a cloud of this gas.

" Now, Gentlemen, the Government have decided to begin mobilization to-night, and corps will concentrate as follows "——

Here Count Kattner gave instructions regarding the strategic concentration of the six Army Corps, at the end of which, and after some discussion, he continued:—" Now, Gentlemen, my plan is this:—the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Corps will concentrate on the frontier, the 5th and 6th being in reserve, as I have indicated. Each Officer, man and animal will have the antidote contained in a tube of special metal hung round the neck. The action of the gas on this metal releases the chemical within almost instantaneously, and before sufficient gas has been breathed into the lungs to cause harm, and it at once renders the gas in the air around the man or animal innocuous; but the action of the gas and the antidote renders a man or animal unconscious for two hours, at the end of which period they recover almost instantly and completely. Thus it will come to pass that the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Corps will be unconscious for two hours, during which time the enemy will be marching through them, believing them dead. I think, Gentlemen, my plan is now clear and will account for the peculiar dispositions of the six Corps. These dispositions are not intended for meeting the enemy's attack, but to attack his rear, his communications and headquarters during and after the passage of his forward corps through your corps areas."

The conference ended shortly afterwards, and the six Corps Commanders and their Chiefs-of-Staff departed, and once more

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the Castle of Hasse was wrapped in silence, save for the echoing tramp of the sentries on their beats.

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The morning of the 25th September revealed a fearful sight within the frontier of Veltona. A belt of low cloud, about half a mile deep, was moving rapidly into Veltona, and behind this cloud, at some distance, moved parallel columns of Ruanian troops. As the gas cloud, for such it was, passed over the troops of Veltona in their defensive positions, they were seen to fall instantly and remain still. Trench upon trench appeared to be filled with dead. Woods full of massed tanks and artillery and cavalry—men and horses lying still on the ground. Fields alongside roads and lateral roads full of guns and transport, men and horses falling to the ground as the gas passed over them. To all appearances the countryside was littered with dead, and the columns of Ruania marched on into Veltona with victory in their hearts.

The Chief-of-Staff of Ruania passed in his car through the area of the 1st Corps of Veltona, and he looked with intense interest, mixed with some horror, at the masses of still Veltonian bodies, and he was particularly struck and very puzzled at the peculiar dispositions these masses of bodies denoted. The defensive lines were very closed up, and he noted the enormous concentrations of tanks, guns and cavalry in the woods, valleys, etc., within and around the foremost defences. He noted the large numbers of guns drawn up in fields alongside the roads; he noted the lateral roads full of guns and transport. "What had the enemy intended?" he thought. "Why were the main roads into Veltona free of traffic, and yet the lateral roads were full?" He was soon to know.

It was now two hours since the gas had passed over the foremost defences of Veltona, and even as he looked he suddenly saw body after body move, twist over and stand up, and as he rubbed his eyes, amazed, whistles and bugles blew and the whole countryside moved with tanks, infantry, guns and cavalry—the tanks, infantry guns and cavalry of Veltona. His chauffeur had stopped in alarm, and four Veltonian infantrymen jumped into the car and the Chief-of-Staff of Ruania was a prisoner. He saw, as in a dream, a reserve Battalion of Ruanis marching in column of route, suddenly charged by Veltonian tanks as they tried to deploy; he saw an artillery column annihilated by machine gun fire; he saw a corps headquarters, moving forward in cars and lorries, captured. He saw, but he couldn't believe.

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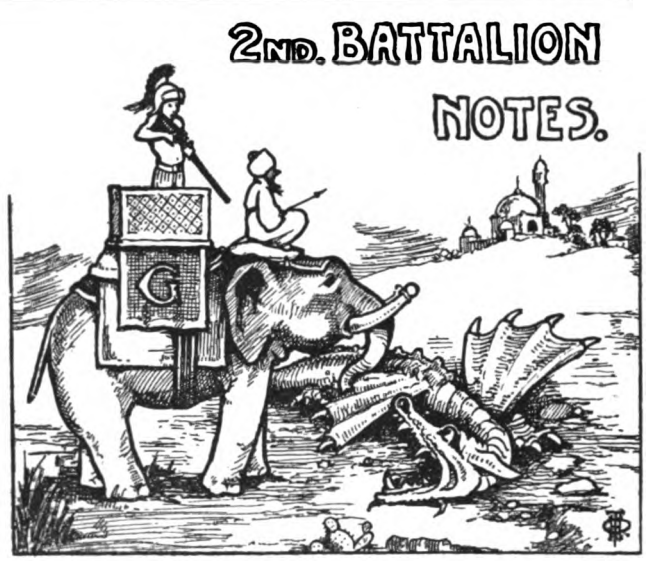
By the evening of the 25th September, the reserve corps of Ruania had been routed; the rear communications of the army of Ruania had been completely dislocated and their gas and shell supplies destroyed, and the troops of Veltona were in the midst of them and in the rear of them, and throughout the night and the following day the troops of Veltona killed and captured, and lucky was the Ruanian who found his way back over the frontier. By the evening of the 26th September the war was over, and the Castle of Hasse was no longer silent except for the tramp of the sentries' feet. Bands were playing; the roads were thronged with cheering crowds; the Castle itself was lit from end to end, and the roars of the people grew louder and louder as six limousines, exactly similar, each flying a black flag with the arms of Veltona in gold on the centre, turned in at the main gates. Inside each could be seen two figures in military uniform.

"PORTE-MAISON."



NOWSHERA,
March, 1928.

BESIDES all the feverish activity in the varied realms of Sport in which the Battalion has been taking part, the different competitions for the Platoon Championship are drawing to a close.

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The March and Shoot is probably the most keenly contested event, and several Platoons are very close in their scores; at the moment No. 14 is in the lead with 314, No. 10 lying second with 263. But there are still some to come.

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In the Platoon hockey, the Machine Gun Platoon meets No. 10. Also Nos. 10 and 13 meet in the footer semi-final to decide who meets the M.G.'s who are already the other finalists.

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The beginning of May will see the Battalion on the move to the Hills again—"A" and "B" Companies to Khanspur, "C," "D" and H.Q. Wing to that eyrie in the craggy hilltops, Cherat, where, one is lead to believe by those who were up last year, you must not go too close to the edge for fear of falling over and hitting the deck somewhere a couple of miles down.

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Colonel Kershaw and Lieut. Clifford have gone on leave, and sailed on 14th March. Mr. Surtees goes at the end of this month.

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There is also a large move taking place in No. 7 Bungalow. I believe there is quite a lot of packing to be done. Peter said so, anyhow.

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We have just said good-bye to Mr. Janjua, and wish him the best of luck and success in his new Unit. Someone goes, someone comes, and so here's the best of luck to Mr. Beyts and Mr. Walawalker, who have come to us for one year's attachment.

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Major Critchley Salmonson has gone to Lahore with a stupendous budget, called "The Questionnaire"—it covers every possible detail dealing with life in and about Lahore.

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There have been several parties out snipe shooting in the marshes near Pabbi, and general concensus of opinion seems to be that it is the best the Regiment has found yet in India ; on the other hand, the duck shooting cannot be compared with Fyzabad.

GAMES NOTES.

On 25th February, the Battalion Athletic and Tug-of-War teams went to Peshawar to compete in the District Championships.

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Last year the Athletic Championship was held on an Individual basis, and, being devoid of any athletes of outstanding class, we met with comparatively little success ; lack of opportunity for training also contributed largely to such failure. This year our teams, both athletic and tug-of-war, had been able to undergo a good spell of training, and the Championship,

BATTALION MARCHING BACK FROM WALAI CAMP, JANUARY, 1928.

being contested on a team basis, our prospects were considerably brighter.

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Our optimism was more than justified by results, the athletic team winning outright the 220 and 440 Yards, being equal first in the 100 Yards, and securing 2nd place in the 880 Yards, Mile, Long Jump, Putting-the-Weight and High Jump. The Three Mile event being the only one in which we were not placed.

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A victory of 9½ clear points ahead of the 23rd Field Brigade, this year's runners-up and last year's winners, was more than satisfactory ; whilst the all-round proficiency in the sprints, longer distance track, and the field events, was particularly encouraging.

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Where all members of the team did so well, it would be odious to mention individuals by name, but it is only fair to record Fusilier Kelly's long jump of 20 ft. 2 ins., whereby he again, for the third consecutive year, proved himself the best individual in his event in District Championships.

To deal with the tug-of-war events. The Light-Weight team, the first really well-trained and coached team which we have

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entered for several years, amply fulfilled our expectations and in all their pulls showed themselves to be a class above their opponents. The runners-up, 23rd Field Brigade R.A., would bear witness that the final pulls were decidedly one-sided. The Catch-Weight team—equally well trained and coached—made very short work of the 2nd Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. in their first round. In the semi-final round, however, they came up against a team, 15th Medium Battery, who were many stones heavier than themselves, and the handicap proved too much. In spite of the handicap of weight, however, they won one of their three pulls, and it will always be very much a question of doubt whether they would not have won two, had they been lucky in the toss for choice of ends.

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All teams deserve credit in full for their extraordinary keen-

FUSILIER CAMEL DRIVERS ON THE MARCH FROM AMIRIAN TO MANKI. FEBRUARY, 1928.

ness and the conscientious manner in which they got down to their training.

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Meantime the Platoon Championships are progressing, and the Inter-Company Cricket matches have started. In the latter the following matches have already been played, and resulted as under :—

" A " Company beat " B " Company by 9 wickets.
" D " Company beat " C " Company by an innings and 23 runs.
" D " Company beat " B " Company by 87 runs.
" A " Company beat " D " Company by 16 runs.

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The Battalion Cross-Country Run, held on 14th March, over a short, but heavy going course, was again won by " C " Company, with " A," " B " and " D " Companies as 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively.

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" C " Company's achievement, whereby they have now won this run for 19 consecutive years (including war years), was chiefly remarkable for the number of men (67) who finished within the time limit. " A " Company as runners-up, with only 46 men in, were well beaten. The first three men home were Fus. Venables, " A " Coy., A/Dmr. McCarthy, " C " Coy., and Fus. Arthurs, " D " Coy.

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A team has been entered for the Lahore Trades Cup (Football), and will be leaving for that city towards the end of this month.

BOXING NOTES.

During this month our boxing arena has been the scene of some good, honest boxing.

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On 13th and 14th March, we held the Annual Tournament for the " Hart " Medals.

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On the 19th and 20th, the Peshawar District Team and Individual Championship was held in Nowshera for the first time since its inauguration.

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Under the patronage of Major-General C. A. C. Godwin, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., C.-O.-C. Peshawar District, it was a huge success.

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The local troops and those from Risalpur showed their appreciation by packing the accommodation to its utmost capacity.

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The Team Championship Trophy eventually went to the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, who removed it from the pedestal in our Library by the narrow margin of 1 point.

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Our thanks are due to the presiding officials enumerated below, who officiated at both Tournaments :—

Referees.—Capt. F. Shearburn, I.A.S.C. ; Captain H. M. Stanford, R.A.

Judges.—F/O. F. W. Foster, D.F.C., D.S.M., R.A.F. ; F/O. J. F. Mehigan, R.A.F. ; Lieut. J. A. Strong, R.A. ; Lieut. H. G. Wainwright, R.A.

Timekeepers.—Capt. C. Chipper, M.C. ; Capt. and Q.M. F. Wombwell, M.B.E.

M.C.—R.S.M. G. E. Brocklesby, D.C.M.

Recorder.—C.S.M. F. Davis.

Ring Manager.—Cpl. Tulip.

" HART " CUP.

Light-Weights (1st series).

Lce.-Cpl. Hawkins beat Fus. Forrest on points.
Fus. Guest beat Fus. Burlace on points.

Light-Weights (2nd series).

Fus. Bennett beat Lce.-Cpl. Auguston in the second round.
Fus. Simpson beat Fus. Jamieson on points.
Lce.-Cpl. Metcalfe got a point's verdict over Fus. Wilkes.
Lce.-Cpl. Hawkins beat Fus. Guest.

Light-Weights (semi-final).

Fus. Bennett k.o. Fus. Simpson in the opening round.
Lce.-Cpl. Hawkins beat Lce.-Cpl. Metcalfe on points.

Light-Weights (final).

A splendid fight in which Hawkins beat Bennett by a narrow margin of points.

Welter-Weights (1st series).

Fus. King beat Fus. Smith, the Referee stopping the fight in favour of King during the final round.

Welter-Weights (2nd series).

Dmr. Ross beat Fus. Brown on points.
Dmr. Travis outpointed Fus. Wright after a very spirited contest.
Cpl. Punton k.o. Dmr. Ware in the first round.

Welter-Weights (semi-final).

Dmr. Ross lost to Dmr. Travis, the Referee intervening in the second round.
Fus. Cross k.o. Cpl. Punton in the first round.

Welter-Weights (final).

This brought together a pair of clever boxers in Travis and Cross. After three rounds of mostly in-fighting, Travis won on points, one of the best bouts of the Tournament.

Middle-Weights (1st series).

Lce.-Cpl. Burns beat Fus. Muir on points.
Lce.-Cpl. Larkman beat Lce.-Cpl. Shotton on points.
Fus. Purchase beat Fus. Threadkill.
Fus. Bennett beat Fus. Melvin.

Middle-Weights (semi-final).

Lce.-Cpl. Larkman beat Lce.-Cpl. Burns after a hard fight.
Fus. Purchase beat Fus. Bennett on points.

Middle-Weights (final).

Purchase put up a splendid fight against a better man, Larkman winning a spirited contest by a small margin of points.

Feather-Weights (1st series).

Fus. Wilson beat Fus. O'Rourke on points.
Dmr. Fraser k.o. Fus. Green in the opening round.
Dmr. De Costa beat Fus. Marshall on points.

Feather-Weights (semi-final).

Fus. McRae (bye) beat Fus. Wilson in the first round.
Dmr. Fraser beat Dmr. De Costa on points.

Feather-Weights (final).

There was little to choose between Fraser and McRae, the former's clever ringcraft doing much to gain him a point's verdict.

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Heavy-Weight Contest.—Sjt. Chapman *v.* Dmr. Crispin.

This was the Serjeant's debut, and he gave a very favourable impression. Crispin, a boxer of experience, was too good for him, although the fight was not one-sided.

Boys' Contests.

Boy Brooks beat Boy Bartrop.
Boy Tradewell beat Boy Allan.
Boy Smythe beat Boy Sanctuary.

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In presenting the prizes at the conclusion of a very successful Tournament, the Commanding Officer, Major R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., gave a brief account of how the "Hart" Cups originated, and made reference to the splendid boxing he had witnessed.

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PESHAWAR DISTRICT TOURNAMENT.

Our boxers must be congratulated on the good display they gave, only losing the Cup by a single point.

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Results (as far as we were concerned) :—

Bantam-Weights (final).—Fus. McRae (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Tpr. Prior (5th I.D. Guards).

Both men opened well, and the end of the first round found the points even. In the second round Prior forced the fight, and McRae was considerably weakened. The final round also went to Prior, who won on points.

Feather-Weights (semi-final).—Lce.-Cpl. Hawkins (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Farrier Mills (5th I.D. Guards).

This was a good fight, Hawkins opposing a much experienced boxer in Mills. Some hard blows to the body were exchanged during the first and second rounds. In the final round Mills took the lead on points, and maintained it until the final gong sounded.

Light-Weights (final).—Fus. Cross (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Trpr. Gentry (5th I.D. Guards).

Both men sparred for an opening in the first round, and several heavy blows were exchanged. At the end of the second round Gentry had a comfortable lead on points. The final round was fast and furious, Cross striving to make up the loss of points. Gentry won on points after a splendid contest.

(Cross has since met Gentry in a Special Contest and succeeded in "turning the tables.")

Welter-Weights.—Dmr. Travis *v.* Trooper Gibbons (5th I.D. Guards).

After three hard rounds, Travis got the verdict by a very narrow margin of points.

Welter-Weights.—Fus. Murphy (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Trumpeter Gibbons (5th I.D. Guards).

Much to the surprise (and disappointment) of our supporters, Murphy was k.o. in the opening round by a right to the point.

Middle-Weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Burns (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Gnr. Allen (23rd Bde. R.A.).

Burns registered several hard blows, but they failed to make any impression on Allen, who has numerous victories to his credit. The final round found both men practically exhausted, Allen securing a point verdict over a very plucky opponent.

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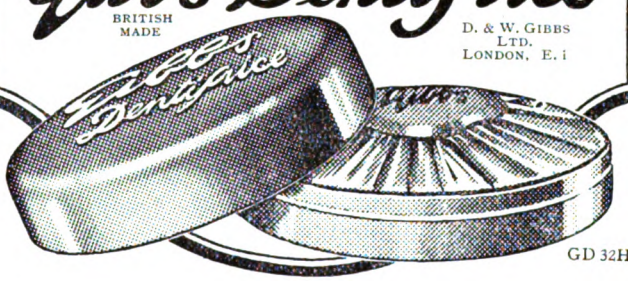

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Light-Heavy-Weights.—Dmr. Hayton *v.* Tpr. Hasler (5th I.D. Guards).

Hayton proved his superiority by k.o. his man in 20 seconds.

Light-Heavy-Weights (final).—Dmr. Hayton *v.* Dvr. Withy (23rd Bde. R.A.).

Hayton was by far the better of the pair, k.o. his man in the opening round with a left jab to the point.

Heavy-Weights (final).—Sjt. Chapman (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Tpr. Chesterton (5th I.D. Guards).

At the first meeting both men got in some heavy blows to the body. In the second round Chesterton had the misfortune to fracture his hand and had to give in.

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INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Light-Weights (final).—Fus. Wright (5th Fusiliers) *v.* Tpr. Gentry (5th I.D. Guards).

In the first round, Wright was down twice, but pluckily rose and stood up to a superior opponent. At the end of the second round the gong saved him from being counted out. At the final meeting Wright came from his corner very weak, and after sustaining a deal of punishment lost the fight on the intervention of the Referee.

Welter-Weight (semi-final).—Fus. King (5th Fus.) *v.* Tpr. Gibbons.

King must be congratulated upon the way he stood up to a much experienced and clever boxer. In the opening round he

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put Gibbons down for a count of 6 by registering a hard left to the temple. Gibbons went "all-out" in the second round, and k.o. King with a right to the point.

Welter-Weights (semi-final).—Dmr. Travis *v.* Tpr. Gibbons (5th I.D. Guards).

Gibbons reversed the decision of the previous evening by k.o. Travis in the opening round.

Feather-Weights (semi-final). Dmr. Fraser (5th Fusiliers) *v.* L.A.C. Codling (R.A.F.).

This was a splendid contest, Codling displaying grit until the final gong. He was a plucky loser, and at the conclusion of the Tournament was awarded the Best Loser's Cup.

Feather-Weights (final).—Dmr. Fraser *v.* Farr. Mills (5th I.D. Guards).

Fraser, having had a hard fight prior to meeting Mills, was hardly as fit as he might have been. Mills got in some smart blows during the first round. Fraser was forced to abandon the fight at the second stage owing to a damaged hand sustained in his encounter with Codling.

Mill Competition (5 a side).—H.Q. Wing (5th Fusiliers) *v.* H.Q. Squadron (5th I.D. Guards).

This caused much amusement among the assembled spectators, the competitors showing much enthusiasm. H.Q. Wing won by 4 fights to 1.

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At the conclusion of the Tournament, the Cups and Medals were presented to the winners by Colonel-Commandant C. M. Wagstaff, C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., on behalf of the District Commander. He congratulated the boxers on the good performance he had witnessed, and thanked the Officials and the 5th Fusiliers for providing the ring and seating accommodation.

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CAVALRY BRIGADE BOXING TOURNAMENT, RISALPUR.

The above tournament was held at Risalpur, on 6th, 7th and 8th March, 1928.

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Some of the competitions were open to the Peshawar District.

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Fuslrs. Hayton and Cross both fought contests against well-known boxers, and fought very good fights, Hayton knocking his man out in the fourth round and Cross losing on points to a more-experienced and very clever boxer after an excellent fight.

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At the prize-giving the 5th Fusiliers were much in evidence.

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Below is a summary of the results as far as they concern the 5th Fusiliers :—

Feather-Weights.

Dmr. Antcliffe lost on points to L.A.C. Codling, R.A.F., in the final, after winning two fights.

Dmr. Fraser lost on points to L.A.C. Codling in the second series after winning one fight.

Light-Weights.

Fus. Cross beat Pte. Farrell (K.O.Y.L.I.) on points in the final.

Welter-Weights.

Fus. Travis lost on points to Tpr. Gibbons (5th I.D. Guards) after winning two fights. Fus. Travis was awarded the Best Loser's prize.

Light-Heavy-Weights.

Fus. Hayton beat Gunner Allen, R.A., in the final, the fight being stopped in the second round.

Middle-Weights.

Fus. Murphy was k.o. by Gunner Allen (R.A.) in the first round.

Contests (six rounds).

Fus. Hayton k.o. L.A.C. Gates (R.A.F.) in the fourth round.
Fus. Cross lost on points to Pte. Levy (R. Sussex Regt).

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
April, 1928.

SINCE last month there has been considerable activity at the Depôt, and we have quite a number of events to record.

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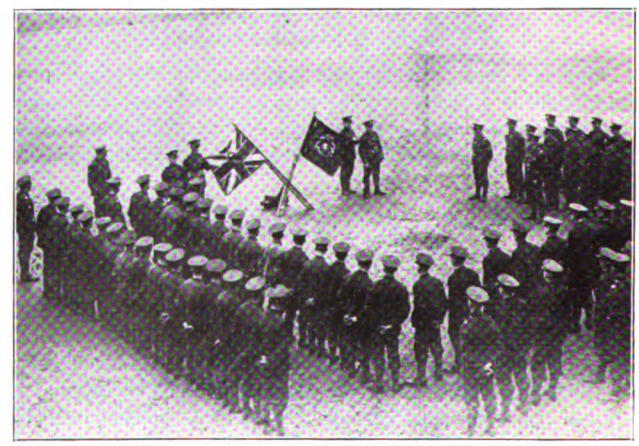
On 24th March, Capt. Maynard visited Gateshead to referee



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A LECTURE ON THE REGIMENTAL COLOURS, AT THE REGIMENTAL DEPOT, 1928.

in a boxing competition between the 6th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers and 9th Bn. D.L.I.

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After some very good fighting, the 6th Battalion eventually won the competition.

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On 26th March, a new experimental programme for attached T.A. Officers was introduced. As there are 6 T.A. Officers at present attached to the Depôt, whose time is necessarily limited, it was deemed advisable that they should see as much of every

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department as possible in that period. They will see and have explained to them the mysteries of the following :—

(1) The Administration Office and its books.
(2) The Q.M. Stores, and Mobilization Stores.
(3) The Recruit Company, and system of training.
(4) The duties of the Adjutant and his Staff.

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The formation of March Squad from special enlistments took place on the 26th March.

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On 27th March, Captain Hogshaw and Sjt. Fitzgerald returned from draft conducting tour in Ireland. (October Squad proceeded to Ireland to join 1st Battalion on 23rd March.) We were glad to hear that the former enjoyed his stay in Ballykinlar so much ; he was fortunate to have fine weather for his visit.

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We were pleased to see Mr. Parsons when he visited the Depôt on the 31st. He is at present at Catterick, where he is undergoing a Signalling Course.

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On 2nd April, the third Cooks' Course for men of the 5th Battalion (T.A.) assembled.

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The third Section Leaders' Course for N.C.O.'s of the 6th Battalion (T.A.) also assembled on this date.

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On 3rd April, Mr. Beall, of the 4th Battalion, who had been attached for duty, left the Depôt. We welcome Captain McNally, of the R.A.M.C., who has come to relieve Major Malcolm, who has proceeded on leave. We hope Captain McNally will enjoy his brief stay in Newcastle. It was he who accompanied the 1st Battalion on their move from Cologne to Ballykinlar.

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On 5th April, we were very pleased to see Mr. Fryer and Mr. Martin, the latter on leave from India, who dined with us in the Mess. Mr. Martin has many interesting items of news regarding the Far East. Space unfortunately does not permit of their inclusion in these notes.

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On the 7th April, the 3rd Cooks' Course and Section Leaders' Course, respectively, terminated.

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Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Douthwaite and Mr. Besley, all of the 5th Battalion, left the Depôt on the conclusion of their period of duty here.

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On the 9th, the fourth Cooks' Course assembled for men of the 4th Battalion (T.A.).

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No. 4 Section Leaders' Course for 7th Battalion N.C.O.'s also assembled on this date.

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Capt. A. E. H. Robinson and Mr. Boll, of the Royal Grammar School Junior Division O.T.C., arrived for attachment to the Depôt.

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On the 8th, November Squad, under Captain and Q.M. J. H. Maynard and Cpl. Babington, proceeded to Ireland to join the 1st Battalion.

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On the 11th, Colonel Sir Reginald S. May, K.B.E., C.B., Colonel on the Staff in charge of Administration, and the D.A.A.G. (Recruiting) visited the Depôt.

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April 14th, No. 4 Cooks' Course and No. 4 Section Leaders' Course ended.

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An elementary M.G. Course for the 4th, 6th and 7th Battalions (T.A.) was held on 14th and 15th April.

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On 16th, No. 1 Lewis Gun Course and No. 5 Cooks' Course commenced.

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On 19th, Lieut.-General Sir George N. Cory, K.B.E., C.B., who has recently been promoted Lieut.-General and therefore vacates command of the Northumberland Area, paid a farewell visit to the Depôt.

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The normal training programme was adhered to, General Cory inspected each Squad at its work.

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After visiting the Dining Halls and Institutes, General Cory lunched in the Officers' Mess, 5th/68th Regimental Depôt. It is with great regret that we have to bid him good-bye, and we take this opportunity of wishing him the best of luck in the future.

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During the month, December Squad completed Part III., Table "A," Recruits Musketry Course, at Ponteland, their average being 64.24.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

The following is an extract taken from the Press:—

TROOPS AT THE CATHEDRAL.

Rain fell on roses of red and white as the troops marched to the Cathedral. It was St. George's Day in Newcastle, and the young soldiers of the Fighting Fifth did honour to their Patron Saint.

It was left to the military to remind Novocastrians that St. George is England's Saint, and that his day has as much right to be celebrated as has St. Patrick's Day in Ireland and St. Andrew's Day in Scotland. However, the Northumberland Fusiliers are not likely to forget, and the staff and recruits at the Depôt turned out this morning on their proudest parade of the year.

Yesterday the Territorials did their part when the 6th (City) Battalion attended service at the Cathedral. To-day it was the turn of the Regulars.

The soldiers who paraded at Fenham Barracks were mostly youths, but they were well turned out, they stood with commendable steadiness, and they formed fours and marched with precision. In short, they proved themselves worthy successors of the Fifth Fusiliers of old, with the making of excellent soldiers in them.

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This compares favourably with previous averages, that of November Squad, 1927, being 64.65.

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Corrigenda.—With reference to the results of Inter-Depôt Boxing, a record of which appeared in last month's *Gazette*, Weight 130–140 lbs.—Winner of last fight in this weight should read "Fus. Mason," not "Pte. Parrett." The error is regretted.

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The Morpeth Hunt Point-to-Point Races were held at Butterwell on 7th April. Col. Cruddas and Col. Wilkinson were both taking a very active part in the proceedings. We congratulate the latter on his fine performance in the Heavy-weights Race, which he also won last year.

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CIVIC PROCESSION.

Major J. F. Chenevix Trench, Commanding Officer of the Depôt, was in charge of the parade, and Col. H. R. Sandilands, a veteran Fusilier with a splendid record, was the senior Officer present.

After the preliminary parade and the traditional distribution of roses, the troops moved off to the South African War Memorial, where a wreath was laid. They then marched through the city to the Cathedral, arousing the admiration of hundreds of people who were able to appreciate, for once in the year, the smartest of members of their own county Regiment.

The Cathedral of St. Nicholas is a special shrine of the Northumberland Fusiliers. There are tattered Colours hanging.

Something of old memories seemed to impress the youthful, sturdy soldiers who sat there, awaiting the opening of the service.

The Lord Mayor, Sheriff and Councillors entered in civic state, and the simple St. George's Day service began.

This was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Turner, who wore his medals. Canon Newson, the Vicar, was unable to attend; he was out of town, having preached the previous day at the Chapel Royal.

There was no choir, but one was hardly needed, for the well-known hymns such as "O God our help in ages past" and the stirring St. George's Day hymn of the Northumberland Fusiliers were sung with spirit by the congregation.

WAR MEMORIAL CEREMONY.

There was a table, covered by the Union Jack, by the chancel steps, and here rested the illuminated Book of Remembrance, containing the Roll of Honour—nearly 3,000 names—of the Regular Battalions of the Regiment.

Mr. Turner's address was brief and strikingly appropriate. He told the ancient legend of St. George and the Dragon, and recounted his death, as a Christian knight, in defence of his faith. St. George, he said, was an example of strength and courage, and there was no doubt that his influence had had a good deal to do with the building of the English national character.

The service ended with "God Save the King," the anthem being preceded by an impressive fanfare. The Band of the 6th Battalion accompanied "The King," and preceded the troops as they marched through the streets.

At the City War Memorial, Eldon Square, the troops were halted, drawn up about the statue of the Saint whose day was being commemorated. The Lord Mayor laid a wreath for the city, and Colonel Sandilands laid one for the Regiment. These wreaths were of laurel, with red and white roses, as were the two which had been laid on the Memorial window in the Cathedral—one from the Regiment and one from Mrs. Riddell in memory of her husband, Brigadier-General Riddell, one of the Fusiliers who fell.

Of all the great crowd that had gathered in Eldon Square, there was only a negligible few among the men who kept their heads covered when the "Last Post" was sounded. Then followed the Reveille, and, after the National Anthem by the Band, the troops marched away to the Barracks to a merry marching tune.

Another St. George's Day had been celebrated.

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List of those present at lunch on St. George's Day at the Depôt, 1928:—The Lord Mayor (Alderman Stephen Easten) and Lady Mayoress (Miss Easten), The Sheriff (Alderman Stephenson) and Lady Sheriff (Miss Stephenson), Colonel H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Colonel W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., Commanding 149th Infantry Brigade, and Miss Warde Aldam; Colonel J. H. Gibbon, D.S.O., R.A., Commanding Troops, Fenham Barracks, and Mrs. Gibbon; Colonel F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G., and Mrs. Athill; Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., Commanding 4th Battalion, and Mrs. Cruddas; Lt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., Commanding 5th Battalion, and Mrs. Anderson; Lt.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., Commanding 6th Battalion, and Mrs. Wilkinson; Lt.-Col. Hon. H. B. Robson, Commanding 7th Battalion; Colonel and Mrs. Bett, Major and Mrs. Holderness, Captain and Mrs. Blackett Ord, Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., Captain and Mrs. Yate, Captain and Mrs. Hogshaw, Captain and Mrs. Bennett, Capt. W. H. Braddell, Captain and Mrs. Trenam, Captain Maynard and Miss Maynard, Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., Capt. J. P. Cherry, M.C., Capt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C., Mr. C. M. L. McCoy, Mr. J. H. Brown, Mr. B. T. G. Pringle, Mr. W. N. C. Crawhall, and Mr. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt.

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We were very pleased to receive telegrams from the following:—General Wilkinson, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions, The Old Comrades' Association, The Royal Society of St. George, Colonel and Mrs. Hardman-Jones, Major and Mrs. Stephen, Colonel and Mrs. Heard, Colonel and Mrs. Turner, Colonel Platt, Colonel C. O. P. Gibson, Major and Mrs. St. John, Major Thornton, Colonel and Mrs. E. B. Gordon, Colonel Dashwood, Colonel Sitwell, Mrs. Clifford, Colonel and Mrs. Bett, Colonel Roddam, Air Commodore and Mrs. Bonham-Carter, General Lambton, Colonel Landon, Major Auld, General Wilkinson, Colonel Ainslie, Captain Byrne, Major Lamb, Colonel and Mrs. Holdsworth-Hunt, Mrs. Carden, Colonel Carthew, Colonel Stewart, Colonel Sturges, Colonel Charles Wood.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

On Good Friday, the 5th/68th Serjeants' Mess arranged a Comic Football Match between two teams selected from members of the Mess—Possibles and Impossibles.

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A photograph of the teams appears in this issue, the rules and regulations of the game are too numerous to publish, and for other reasons are omitted from publication—they are copyright.

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At 11 a.m., amidst all the pomp and ceremony necessary on such occasions, the teams left the Mess, somewhat full after half an hour's preparation, and proceeded to the Garrison Sports Ground, opposite Barracks. To the jubilation of the married families, civilians in the know, and especially the children, the teams met in glorious combat. The younger

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blood failed to come up to scratch, and it was left to the old 'uns to do the necessary.

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O.R.Q.M.S. Letchfield, a well-known member of the Mess, and familiar to the majority of the FIFTH, scored the only goal for the Possibles—a real scorcher. Unfortunately he went out for the count, but thanks to our able Secretary and Trainer, the necessary reviver was produced (two large bottles of Bass), and he resumed play to a scream of applause from the spectators.

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A collection made on the ground, on behalf of St. Dunstan's, yielded £2 6s. 8d., and doubtless it would have been more had the collectors not been more interested in the play. However, we hope to hold similar functions in the near future and see the proceeds doubled.

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Everybody who saw the match are loud in their praises of the efforts of the members of both teams to disguise themselves and their antics during the match. The game, which was half an hour each way, was a most strenuous one, and one can imagine the number of stiff legs, etc., when one realises that the average age of the players was 45.

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C.M.S. Instr. J. V. Curtis, A.P.T. Staff, attached to the Depôt, left us on the 3rd instant for a V.T.C. Course at Hounslow, and to him we wish success in obtaining suitable employment. We are still left wondering how he will take to pots and pans after a strenuous life in the Gyms.

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R.C.M.S. Redhead has been permitted to continue in the Service for another year to 6/3/30—more strength to his elbow.

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Our Annual St. George's Ball takes place on Monday, 23rd instant, when we hope to record a good gathering of old members of the Regiment. In spite of our efforts to bring them

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5TH/68TH SERJEANTS' MESS FOOTBALL MATCH, GOOD FRIDAY, 1928.

Back Row.—Q.M.S. Wardle. Q.M.S. Redhead. Sjt. Mears. Mr. Tradewell. Mr. Telfer. S/Sjt. Row. C.S.M. Curtis.

2nd Row.—C.S.M. Mason. Q.M.S. Letchfield. Mr. Holland. C.Q.M.S. Lewis. Mr. Morrison. R.S.M. Badger. Sjt. Gordon. Mr. Heath. Sjt. Huxford. Mr. Brewster. Mr. Bravey.

Sitting.—Sjt. Miller. Lce.-Sjt. Clifford. Sjt. Marrs. C.Q.M.S. Marshall. Sjt. Hopper. Mr. Wood. Sjt. Moore.

all together, there are still a number prevented from being present, and to them we wish the "Best of luck."

During the month a large number of Territorial Non-Commissioned Officers have attended Courses at the Depôt, and we

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Q.M.S. [O.R.S.] LETCHFIELD,

THE HERO OF THE HOUR AT THE 5TH 68TH SERJEANTS' MESS FOOTBALL MATCH, GOOD FRIDAY, 1928. THE SCORER OF THE ONLY GOAL FOR THE "POSSIBLES."

are glad to see so many members of the various Serjeants' Messes amongst us.

4th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
25th April, 1928.

ST. George's Day falling on a Monday this year, the event was celebrated at Newburn by a Church Parade on Sunday, the 22nd.

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Wreaths were laid by the Officers and Serjeants of the Battalion on the Memorial in Newburn Church. After the service the Detachment marched to the War Memorial, where a short service was held and additional wreaths were laid.

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The attendance was unusually good, though from a spectacular standpoint, the parade was not up to the standard of previous years, as the Band was playing at Prudhoe and the Drums did not parade in sufficient strength to play.

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The Annual Dinner was held at Tilley's Restaurant, on the evening of St. George's Day, and, thanks to the excellent arrangements made by Capt. Charlewood, was a great success.

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Colonel W. St. A. Warde-Aldam was present as the principal guest, and we were very glad to see the following past Officers of the Battalion amongst us once again :—Lt.-Col. J. R. Robb, Colonel C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., Major W. E. Stephenson, T.D., Capt. H. M. Carrick, Capt. C. Stephenson, M.C., Capt. B. D.

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Plummer, M.C., Capt. F. Robinson, D.S.O., Capt. B. E. Lacey Thompson, Capt. J. Gregory, M.C.

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Letters wishing the Battalion good luck, and expressing their regrets at being unable to be present, were received from Col. A. J. Foster and Major Bickers Stephenson.

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At the conclusion of dinner a visit in force was paid to the 6th Battalion Ball at the Barras Bridge Assembly Rooms, where we were heartily welcomed.

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A subsequent visit was paid, by those able to stay the course, to the Depôt, where the Annual Serjeants' St. George's Ball was in progress, and so to bed in the small hours.

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Congratulatory telegrams were received from the following :— The Depôt, 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th Battalions, General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, Colonel C. O. P. Gibson, Major and Mrs. St. John.

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Pre-Camp Training is now in full swing. Drills started at the beginning of the month, and Musketry at Ponteland will commence on Sunday, 29th April. Meanwhile the Quartermaster is losing weight rapidly in his endeavour to keep pace with the demands for boots and clothing on payment.

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A Tactical Exercise was held at the Hexham Race Course on 14th/15th April, for Officers and N.C.O.'s, and in spite of the arctic conditions prevailing, a lot of very useful work was put in. Our thanks are due to the members of the Hexham Race Club for their hospitality in placing their buildings at our disposal, for it is certain that but for this welcome shelter, many casualties due to frost bite and exposure to the extreme cold would have occurred.

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As it was, one Officer complained of having had his face frozen stiff, and consequent inability to articulate. This distressing complaint, however, was ultimately diagnosed as strained muscles of the jaw, due to the peculiar consistency of the sandwiches on which he had been feeding.

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Recruiting at Newburn is proceeding very satisfactorily, and if only the same could be said for the Prudhoe and Haltwhistle Detachments, we should have hopes of going to Camp up to strength.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

All the events of outstanding importance in the military way seem to have occurred in the few days immediately preceding the writing of these notes.

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On Friday, 20th April, we had a very successful Supper at the Drill Hall, followed by a Dance, which attracted a large company. Among those present at the Supper were Colonel B. Cruddas, D.S.O., Colonel J. M. Clark, V.D., Captain Colin Laing, M.C., Rev. H. F. H. Henderson, E. Bing, Esq., W. R. B. Pritchard, Esq., P. J. Liddell, Esq., John Liddell, Esq., and Lieut. A. Hardgraves.

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Colonel J. M. Clark, in the course of a speech, replying to the toast of "The Guests," said that it was fifty years ago this year since he and one or two others raised the first Volunteer Company in Haltwhistle, so that this was the Company's Jubilee Year.

On Sunday, 22nd April, we had our annual Church Parade, at the Parish Church. There was a fairly good turn-out, and over thirty marched to the Church, headed by the Haltwhistle Old Silver Prize Band.

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On St. George's Day, Captain Hare and Lieut. Clark attended the usual Dinner in Newcastle, and spent a very enjoyable night. In fact, at the moment, the writer is feeling the need of making up for sleep lost owing to the festivities.

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In spite of this long list of festivities, we have done a little work, and the drill season is now in full swing. We could wish for more recruits! Our Subaltern has proved too persuasive in his efforts to persuade certain young men to join the Territorial Army, with the result that they have joined the Regular Army ! ! !

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We are glad to say that no member of this Company lost any money by backing our Subaltern in a recent Point-to-point. They knew him too well!

5th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
April, 1928.

"MARCH winds and April showers bring forth May flowers." Well, last month we had the breezes blowing up our backs, in the various strafes we got. This month we have had the showers of good things, and next month we expect to gather the bouquets from G.O.C.'s down to C.O.'s.

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The scribe is trying to write these notes the day after St. George's Day, and therefore, dear reader, feels pretty much as you do. This topic is a present memory, and must needs have first place.

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On Friday evening, the 20th, the Serjeants held their Annual Serjeants' Ball, and with an attendance of 500–600 must have nearly surpassed themselves. The arrangements were excellent, everything went with a swig—er, swing rather—and it was long past the bewitching hour before we realised that it was time to return.

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A touching sight was one old veteran of at least eighty winters, led to his seat by a young 'un, and a glass of beer set in front of him, and there he sat speechless with tears in his eyes, but surrounded by memories of other days.

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On Sunday morning, the 22nd, we held our Annual Church Parade. Troops paraded at Walker and Wallsend, and marched to Service at the Walker Parish Church. A number of Past Members visited us, including Colonel Arnold Irwin, D.S.O., T.D., and Major P. P. Phillips. After an interesting Service, the Battalion marched to Walker Park, where Colonel Anderson, the C.O., laid a wreath on the Battalion War Memorial. After the "Last Post," Colonel Anderson presented the Territorial Efficiency Medal to C.S.M. Nesbitt, of "C" Coy., C.S.M. Martin, of "D" Coy., and Fus. R. J. McCormack, of H.Q. Wing, who are to be congratulated. Refreshments were served in the Drill Hall to all who had attended the Parade. This concluded our second Day of the year.

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On Monday evening, dinner was served in the Mess, some

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54 Officers and guests attending. Among those present, in addition to present serving Officers of the Battalion, were Col. Arnold Irwin, D.S.O., T.D.; Col. E. Robinson, C.B.E., T.D., D.L.; Col. R. Errington, M.C., M.B.; Lt.-Col. W. W. Tasker, M.C.; and Major P. P. Phillips. A most enjoyable evening was spent, especially by the Subalterns. Later in the evening a detachment flocked to the Depôt, where they were hospitably received, and joining forces with certain members of the 4th Battalion (so far as recollection goes) danced till the wee sma' 'oors.

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To sum up our St. George's Day Celebrations, if 1929 equals 1928 we shall be assured of another lasting memory to record in our minds to store for the days when we are ancients and "our fighting days are done."

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We are entering two teams in the new Vickers Gun Competition for the "Bourne" Cup, in the County Rifle Meeting at Ponteland, and hope to knock spots off the 4th, 6th and 7th Battalions.

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Our present strength is 18 Officers and 494 Other Ranks.

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"A" Company fired their Musketry Course at Ponteland on the 1st April, against the displeasure of the elements. In spite of this, some good shooting was recorded. "B" Company were more fortunate, and we believe the Company Commander was pleased with the results.

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Messrs. Hesley, Douthwaite and Stephenson have completed the first part of their initial course at the Depôt, where they entered one end of the mill and came out the other, marked "Satisfactory."

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The Fusilier Aid Society Ball was held at Barras Bridge, on Wednesday evening, 26th April. The Battalion was represented by the Commanding Officer and the Adjutant. The Colours of the 5th and 6th Battalions occupied a prominent place, guarded by a Colour Party in pre-war red and gosling green complete with busbies, the whole sight forming a stirring picture.

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Lce.-Sjt. Dixon and Lce.-Cpl. Milbourne, of the Signalling Section, are to be congratulated on the excellent report obtained on the completion of the 23rd T.A. Signalling Course, held at School of Signals, Catterick Camp, from the 2nd to the 23rd March, 1928.

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GREEN BAIZE (*2nd instalment*).

(For new readers: Last week we left off in a certain Company Office containing one Subaltern and the C.Q.M.S. The door is locked and barred. Outside is a howling mob of Serjeants. The cause is the question of proprietorship of a certain green baize which covers the office table. Read on.)

The Subaltern and the C.Q.M.S. eventually proved their right to the green baize by means of the well-known axioms, "Might is Right," "What I have I keep," "Go and run up a shutter," etc. The Serjeants then held another Council of War, and organised Whist Drives and more Dances, the efficient carrying out of which required many tables. Permission for the borrowing of tables was obtained from Higher Authority, the outcome of which is that on six days of the week the Sub. and the C.Q.M.S. have their green baize, which lies on the floor, but no table to put it on. The seventh day, on which the table is available, is the Sabbath. Vengeance is deep, however. (*To be concluded.*)

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The War Games have been very late in starting this year, but the first round, H.Q. *v.* "A" Company, was played out on Thursday, the 29th March, and ended in a draw due to the fact the H.Q. Company Commander would not allow the battle to start by not putting his troops where umpires wanted.

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"B" Company *v.* "D" Company was played out on Thursday, 26th April, and ended in a win for "D" Company.

7th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
26th April, 1928.

THIS is a terrible task in a terrible week. Haunted by the knowledge that these notes are already three days overdue, that a harassed Editor is now fuming with impatience at the prospect of having to go to Press without this, his most popular feature—no news of any kind from our four very important out-stations—aching feet from last night's Ball dancing, and aching other portions from other causes—with the knowledge of yet another St. George's something or other to be overcome to-night, with its "past and present" temptations—and yet more of it to-morrow, and apparently all the to-morrows—you know it ought to be stopped. St. George never intended that his Day should start on 31st March, and continue until 4th May, and that is the situation this year.

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Those of us who attended the Aid Society Ball last night (and this morning) vote it first-class. We hope that Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench and his Committee will be equally satisfied with the financial results. The 7th Battalion were in force. Colonel Robson, Major Cowen, Capt. Trenam, Capt. Watson, Capt. Todd, Capt. Carr-Ellison, Mr. Fawcus, Mr. Middlemas, all present and accompanied by friends, making the most of this most enjoyable Dance.

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The Alnwick Detachment also held its Annual Dance, in the Northumberland Hall, at Alnwick, on the 23rd. About 200 guests attended, the Orchestra and arrangements were all that could be desired, and the "pep" was sustained until the last minute. The feminine youth and beauty of the district were in overwhelming force. They didn't seem to mind, and the acting rank of male was cheerfully adopted by many for dancing purposes, but it is felt that there ought to be compulsory dancing drills for men during next season's individual training.

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The Officers' Annual Dinner is to be held to-night, at the White Swan, at Alnwick. About 30 are expected to attend, including Brigade Commanders "Past and Present."

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The Berwick Detachment proposes to dance us through to-morrow night, and thus we come to Saturday. Permission has been obtained for the period between the returning from this Dance at about 6 a.m. and the opening of Musketry at Moor Laws at 10 a.m. to be observed as a holiday.

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Church Parades were held on Sunday, 22nd April, at Berwick, Morpeth and Ashington, and were strongly attended. The Parade at Berwick is always a success, and this year's Parade

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was no exception, despite the fact that the Company Commander never arrived, he having fallen through the bottom of his car on the Great North Road, still yammering the passage from Isaiah which he was expected to read at the Berwick Service. Aspirin restored the Company Commander, and a new set of big ends restored his car, but the service was over and the soldiers were back tending their flocks, hewing their coal, catching their salmon, and signing on around the corner before all this was accomplished.

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The Regimental Depôt is excelling itself in its efforts to help us. Each of our Platoons has a N.C.O. there this week learning how to teach Lewis Gunnery. Last week it was 32 Section Leaders. One week-end a Vickers Gun Course was organised for us, and the Depôt Cook House always has one or more diligent students from the T.A. learning the awful secrets of Sjt. Marr's stock-pot. If we can only rid the rural mind of the awful suspicion that connects the two ideas, "stock-pot" and "Recruit, not likely to become," we might show better results for our recruiting efforts.

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We still want many Recruits. The strength to-day is 20 Officers and 549 Other Ranks, instead of 636.

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The new Musketry Course is a great success. Easy to fire and easy to qualify. But it is extraordinarily easy to qualify in the Table that the other fellow ought to fire. One Subaltern even attempted to fire the "Trained Soldiers" Table, instead of the substantive N.C.O.'s. He failed, of course, but even mistakes like these have their value in that they broaden the mind.

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Sunday drills at Beanley Moor (not Common, damn you, Sir) and at Rothley are on the agenda for May. They will, it is hoped, be popular with the troops, and give the Company Commanders opportunities of seeing the Companies at strength on ideal training ground.

AMBLE NOTES.

The Training Season, which commenced at the beginning of the month, is now in full swing.

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Our first visit to Moor Laws this year took place on Saturday, the 21st April.

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Unlike the usual rainy weather at Moor Laws, glorious sunshine reigned in its stead.

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The Warrant Officers and Serjeants held their St. George's Ball on the 30th March.

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The attendance was not what was to be expected, but a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

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An excellent selection of music was rendered by Mr. F. Wilcox's orchestra.

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A light supper was served, under ideal conditions, by Messrs. Dixon, of Alnwick.

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The Hall itself was beautifully decorated, owing to the good work of the Committee, namely C.S.M. Wardrobe, Sjts. Tuck, Murray, Guy and Walch.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD.
April, 1928.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY has once again passed with a stretch of sea water between us and the nearest Trooping of the Colour. We received kind greetings from the 1st, 2nd and 7th Battalions and the Depôt. Next year, when the 1st Battalion is at York, we look forward to once more seeing the historic ceremony.

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We publish in this number a chapter from a most fascinating book called "Tiger, Tiger," written by Mr. W. Hogarth Todd. Being personally acquainted with the Author, we know that the incidents related in the book are true ones. It is a book which will appeal to all lovers of sport in India, and all such should hasten to buy a copy. It is published by Messrs. Heath Granton, Ltd., 6, Fleet Lane, London, at the price of 7s. 6d.

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Colonel J. Gillespie. Mr. E. Harris.

THE LUCK OF TIGER SHOOTING.

(BY W. H. TODD).

I HAD only recently joined the service of the Government of India, and had not been in the East long before I got orders to inspect an outlandish place at the back-of-beyond, in the Seoni District of the Central Provinces. It was before the days when that part of the country was criss-crossed with narrow gauge railways as at present, and it was difficult to get to the place, but after travelling for five days by road I accomplished it. I had four days of driving two horses along a "made road" in my own trap alone ; a hired tonga for my servant accompanied me. Day after day of travelling some twenty-five to thirty-five miles through the wild country, from one deserted wayside rest-house to another, occasionally getting a shot at a deer on the way either in the early morning or in the evening ; on the last day I rode one of the horses and finally arrived at the place. I found it at the edge of a vast, sombre jungle on the border of a plain which it was proposed to irrigate : the jungle was chiefly bamboo, thick and dark.

I arrived in the evening, having sent my two servants ahead with my tent in the morning for the last stage. I was just sitting down for dinner, when I heard the sound of a number of men talking outside the tent. I thought it strange, but when I went out to investigate I found that a number of natives had come round from the neighbouring village, half a mile away, headed by the local schoolmaster. They had a poor young bullock between them which looked very sick. They told me that this animal had just been scragged by a tiger on the edge of the neighbouring jungle, and had been saved with difficulty by the cowherd ; that they had experienced much similar trouble of late, and that the felines seemed to be getting very bold—many of their cattle had been killed recently.

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An examination of the poor creature's neck showed that the claw marks on it had set up blood poisoning already, it was much swollen; it seemed very improbable that the animal would live, and there was nothing procurable to treat it, the thing to do seemed to be to tie it up near the same place, which was only some few hundred yards distant—if it was going to die, it might as well die there with the possibility of acting as a bait at the same time; so I watched a squad of men with a lantern lead it off into the darkness.

The next morning, somewhat to my surprise, a man came to me with the news that there had been a kill, or at least, that the bullock I had tied up the previous night had been dragged away by a tiger. He said:

"I was here last night, Sahib: the bullock was very sick: I don't think it could have lived much longer: perhaps the tiger returned to drag its dead body away to eat."

I could not say; I hoped that this had been so, but was overjoyed at getting this chance to shoot a tiger; I had only got one till then, and that trophy I had spoiled by giving orders, in my ignorance, to have the carcase conveyed some twelve miles in a bullock cart into the Station to be skinned, instead of having the job done on the spot; well, it was the hot weather, and the consequent delay ruined the skin much to my distress.

On this occasion I was placed on a large tree over a nullah in the jungle, stops arranged fan-like on rows of trees, each tree being about twenty yards apart on either hand, and then I had to possess my soul in patience for the best part of an hour, waiting in the heat for the beat to begin; perhaps my impatience cannot be properly understood, but I was very keen in those days!

At last a shout is heard in the distance: my sweltering in the heat of the great sun is over: my impatience is ended: the beat has begun!

The row of shouting beaters amongst the trees seem to approach very slowly, and they are still some way off when tapping is heard on my left, followed in a little by a discreet cough; this seems to be the signal for the whole row of stops on that side to cough one by one, but it does not stop at this; after a short time one man, and then two or more, begin to shout, until the outcry is taken up by the whole line. I had only been in one tiger beat before, but feel now that this is not "according to plan," had not been intended, and so get quite hot and bothered in my anxiety. Soon I see the tigress at about eighty yards making away at a trot from this alarming noise, at right angles to the beat—this does not seem surprising, of course. I am disgusted, but quite determined to have a shot after all my trouble. Naturally I miss, the moving target is too difficult at that range.

Bang! goes my big double-barrelled rifle, and the tigress springs forward out of sight, quite unharmed.

But on the explosion there was a great roar under my tree, and I caught sight of another tiger, a large male this time, ruff a-bristle, ears laid back and eyes gleaming savagely, charging in the open past me. He was in a towering rage, and emitted deep-throated roar upon roar as he cantered by with rolling gait, ready to pounce on anything that stood in his way. He was a fine sight and offered an easy shot, although he was moving pretty fast and had given my nerves a shock. Instinctively I levelled the rifle at him, and pulled the right barrel. Bang! it went, but there was no result: the great striped body continued its even, swinging course as if nothing had happened—a clean miss, right and left!

At the time I thought I would never get over it—the second beast had been quite in the open at a few yards only—surely I had never made a worse shot!

Had I but known what I heard afterwards, that all the shouting on my left only meant that the great tiger was all the time approaching my tree at a walk, unseen by me, snarling savagely up at the men forming the line of stops, I would not have risked that difficult shot at the tigress, but would have reserved my fire for an easy shot at the slow-moving tiger just below. However, one feels these things unduly when one is young, and that spot rests now several feet below water, as it is in the basin of the great lake, or "tank," as it is called, which has since been built by the Government.

However, I had my compensation some time later near the same place.

I left my tent early one morning, before the sun was up, to ride some three miles to a place where I was "tying up," which means that I had a young buffalo tied there at night in a lonely spot as a bait for tiger.

On arrival, I walked down a jungle ride, or fireline some fifty yards wide, in the Government forest, to a place where I should have seen my buffalo some two hundred yards away. But there was no sign of it. My "kill" had been taken by a tiger. But hold! What was that dark object on the ground? It was certainly the buffalo at the foot of the tree to which it had been tied, but why was it lying so flat? The level beams from the rising sun had only reached the topmost branches of the highest trees; and everything seemed very peaceful—the morning chorus of small birds could only be heard. The buffalo was not lying down in a natural manner, and when I got up to it I found that it was dead. On investigation it was clear that it had just been killed by a large tiger, the tracks of which led into some dense jungle close at hand, on the other side of a large nullah—the pug-marks were very distinct on the loose sand. Now, I was young and inexperienced in these matters, or otherwise would have at once concealed myself somewhere near, and awaited the beast's return; it was clear that he had just killed and been driven away on hearing my approach, the carcase of the buffalo was still warm. But my gun-bearer, who was an old shikari, told me that the cover was easily beaten, and so I went off to make the necessary arrangements to beat it.

In about two or three hours then, I got into a machān, a platform amongst the branches of a tree, and some fifty men prepared to beat the jungle towards me. The old shikari handed me up my rifle, and remarked that he had been down the fireline and had noticed that the body of the buffalo had gone; that, in fact, the tiger had come back in our absence to drag it away. If I had only waited I could have shot him!

I blamed myself seriously for the lost opportunity as I waited on my tree for about an hour before the beat began. I was sitting on the edge of a rough pathway with the open forest fireline behind me; I was told that the tiger would probably try to slip across in front of me to the dense jungle on the other side.

And so it happened when the beat at last began. When the line of beaters had been shouting, and some tomtoms which they carried had been beating for a time, I suddenly became aware with a shock that there was a large body approaching me under the trees to my right, which stopped now and then apparently to listen.

It was the tiger, a magnificent male, and soon he got to the edge of the pathway and paused before making a move across it. He again advanced after a time, and as I fired at him he fell on his back right under my tree apparently dead. His neck was broken, but he was not quite dead for I saw his eyes suddenly catch sight of me in the tree just over his head; a fleeting look of intelligence and surprise came into them as he lay helpless on his back gazing into the branches above, and then he was very sick. His mouth opened wide, and a red mass of bright blood appeared in the sunlight on the grass—his eyes glazed: he was dead.

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COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following relinquishes his appointment:—Major A. P. Garnier, M.B.E., M.C., North'd. Fusiliers, D.A.A.G., War Office (dated 1st May).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The following having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers:—Capt. the Lord Redesdale (dated 13th March).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

6th Bn. Lt.-Col. (Brevet-Colonel) A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., from Active List, to be Lieutenant-Colonel (Brevet-Colonel) (dated 29th March, 1928), substituted for the announcement regarding this Officer which appeared in the *Gazette* of 10th April, 1928.

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Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,
May, 1928.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1928, has come and gone, and, as will have been seen in last month's notes, the Day passed very successfully, much more so than many of us expected. The large number of recruits were very steady on parade, and the Band and Drums maintained their usual high standard. The account taken from the *Irish Daily Telegraph*, published in last month's notes, would be difficult to improve upon.

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We were very pleased to see Colonel and Mrs. Kershaw, Mr. Kershaw, Colonel Platt, Major Greville Williams, and Mr. Martin, and we are only sorry that Mr. Kershaw is in the Navy and not with us; but on the other hand, it is all to the good that Officers of the FIFTH should supply recruits to the Services in general from time to time.

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After the Trooping of the Colours everyone repaired to the Mess for luncheon, and, judging by the length of time this repast continued, the popping of corks and the bursts of laughter, there is little doubt that everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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After luncheon, photographs were taken; then everyone slowly went their several ways, many apparently reluctantly—at least we hope so!

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Some of us then recuperated, or tried to, with the aid of golf, tea at Newcastle, cold baths, etc.; then back to Mess and the St. George's Ball. The latter was highly successful and reflects great credit on the organisers. The Ball was held in the Gymnasium, although a stranger would not have recognised it as such, and dancing and merry-making went on until a latish hour the following morning. Next year, at York, we hope to see very many more old familiar faces.

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Weapon Training Courses are in full swing, and the camp echoes from morn to eve with the discharge of Lewis guns and rifles. The recruits have fired, and "Y" and the M.G. Company and Headquarters Wing are now hard at work. "W" and "X" Companies shoot next month. We hope to improve on last year's averages, and it won't be for want of thought and labour if we don't.

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The daily toil on the ranges has already produced one or two witticisms, as, for instance, a certain Corporal, who was repeatedly missing the target, and his Company Commander said: "What's the matter with you, Corporal?" The Corporal answered: "I can see three targets, Sir!" Whereupon the Company Commander, without the slightest hesitation, replied: "Well, surely to goodness you can hit one of them!"

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"W" and "Y" Companies carry out their Company marches on the 5th, 6th and 7th June. The first night consists of night operations, in which "Y" Company have to locate and raid the bivouacs of "W" Company, who are supposed to be escort to a large horse-drawn convoy. The second night is to be spent in the grounds of Montalto House, Ballynahinch, kindly lent by the Countess of Clanwilliam. This will be a "peace" night, and the two Companies camp together. On the 7th June there is to be a rear-guard action back to Ballykinlar.

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There is fierce rivalry between the Captains Powell and Gatehouse ("Y" and "W" Companies), secret plans, indents, and threats of reprisals are the order of the day in these two Companies, and the night operations bid fair to produce some humourous incidents.

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Colonel Herbert attended a three days' course in Anti-Aircraft at Biggin Hill this month, and Major Foster a five-day course at the Royal Tank Corps centre.

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Mr. Parsons has qualified as an Instructor in Signalling, and Mr. Speer is on a P.T. Course at Aldershot.

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A draft of 26 O.R.'s arrived from the Depôt on the 17th May, conducted by Captain Braddell, whom we were very pleased to see once again. This Officer seemed to be at great pains to impress us with the enormous amount of work there is normally to be done at the Depôt. "Much more than commanding a Company in a Battalion," etc. Let him not forget that there are a few of us who have served at the Depôt—yea, even during the period of reorganisation of Depôts, when there *was* a certain amount of "hurrying and harrying."

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Mr. Yorke journeyed to the Depôt on the 22nd May, to bring back a draft of 28 Other Ranks.

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Inspections have been rife, and have been successfully coped with.

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The Quartermaster-General (Lieut.-Gen. Sir Hastings Anderson, K.C.B.) inspected the camp on the 26th April, and seemed to have been pleased with all he saw. It was a glorious day, and the camp certainly looked its very best.

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The G.-O.-C., Northern Ireland District (Major-General F. F. Ready, C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G., D.S.O.), carried out his annual Inspection on the 1st May. Again all seemed to go well, and nice things were said—even before luncheon!

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A certain number of Officers are endeavouring to sell their steeds before proceeding to York, but whether this is because they intend to buy 200-guinea hunters in Yorkshire, or whether the probable cost of hunting in this county appals, is not quite known. We can only hope that they will get a good price for their "mounts."

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The weather has been particularly springlike for the last week or so, and the "flannelled fools" have ousted the "muddied oafs" on the fields of sport. The results of cricket matches to date will be found elsewhere.

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Company, Inter-Company, and Battalion Sports take place at the end of May and during June.

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It struck the writer of these notes, the other day, during a short period of aberration between hunting in the Company

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Stores for Lewis gun barrels belonging to other Companies, and watching the recruits score "possibles," that the method

LT-COL. W. N. HERBERT, C.M.G., D.S.O.

of naming people in vogue during the days of the Pilgrim Fathers might be applied even more aptly in these modern days. "Obadiah, bind their kings in chains and their nobles in links of iron" for some of us would be, in these days, as follows :—

"Bolster, pile their bedding on high and their blankets in bundles of ten";

"Yorke, pack their chocolates in boxes and fill their Minster with people";

"Parsons, tie their turbines in knots and their clergy rend asunder";

"Butterfield, boil their beet in butter and encircle their fields with ditches";

and so on, with deep apologies to those Officers named. But perhaps this method would cause friction, or even madness, so enough.

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There is a three days' District Tactical Exercise at the end of May. Colonel Herbert, Major Foster, Captain Gatehouse and Captain Lindsay are attending. There are two schemes—one concerning mountain warfare and hill fighting, and one concerning a mechanised force. Both should prove very interesting, but we hope the two schemes don't get mixed up. It would be a terrible thing to hand in a solution stating that a Company of Tanks would picquet the highest mountain, or that a Company of Infantry could not manœuvre over a piece of country owing to a seven-foot ditch.

The Mess still waxes musical at night, the gramophone being the medium, except on Thursdays, when the Band plays. The effects of music on the human motor centres we all know, but how many people bother to watch the expressions certain types of music produce on different people's faces? For instance, put on a record such as "Little Nellie's Nigger Sisters' Nice" fox-trot, and watch. Two Officers will probably grin and jerk about in a negroid manner, two others will move uneasily and glower, another two will gaze into space with that far-away look which denotes memories of "Night Clubs," and so on. Put on a waltz record, "Dreaming as I Dally on the Danube," and the first two will now move uneasily and glower, the second two will gently sway their bodies with enrapt expressions on their faces, another two will gaze sadly at the Mourne Mountains with expressions of extreme sentiment on their faces. Yes, quite an interesting evening can be spent in such study, and is an antidote to a surfeit of manual reading.

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To the list of telegrams received on St. George's Day add: "Mr. Forbes Watson," whose name was inadvertently left out.

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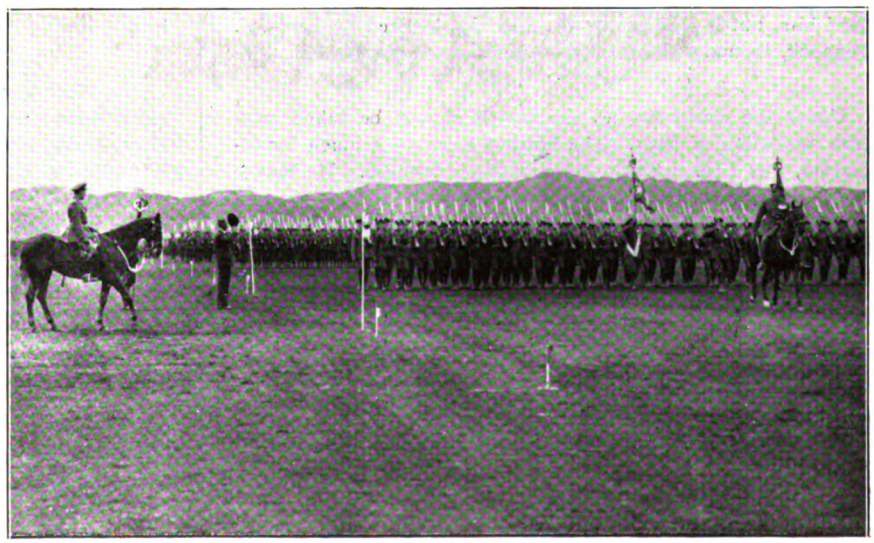
Notice.

It is regretted that many invitations for St. George's Day were returned through the Dead Letter Office. Would retired Officers of the Regiment kindly send a post-card to the P.M.C., 1st Battalion, at Ballykinlar, N. Ireland, either verifying their addresses or notifying any change?



ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1928.

MARCH PAST. LT.-COL. S. H. KERSHAW, D.S.O., O.C. 2ND BN., TAKING THE SALUTE.

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CRICKET NOTES.

NORTH DOWN *v.* FIFTH FUSILIERS.

This match, played at Comber, on 3rd May, was the first of the new season, and, though played under the worst possible conditions, served to show up the strong and the weak points of the side.

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Mr. Macmullen lost the toss, and North Down batted first, to the bowling of Cpl. Purcell and Cpl. Obey. The wicket played easily, and the weather conditions were appalling, a thin drizzle being driven across the ground by a bitterly cold wind.

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Capt. Sutherland held a very fine catch to dismiss Anderson at 18. The second wicket took the score to 60, when Fus. Spanton bowled Andrews with a ball which appeared to swing in. After two more wickets had fallen quickly, Macdonald and Bebe took charge of the proceedings, adding 106 at a great pace. The conditions were impossible for the fielding side, cold hands and a slippery ball causing the bowlers much ado to maintain some semblance of length and direction. North Down declared their innings closed at 193 for 5 wickets.

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After tea, Mr. Laing and Sjt. Purcell opened the innings for the Regiment, and things started to happen quickly. Sjt. Purcell returned one gently to the bowler with the score at 5; at 15 Mr. Macmullen put one equally gently up to cover; at 17 Mr. Laing patted a full toss into the hands of a very youthful square-leg. At 21 Mr. Enderby hit at a half-volley and was well taken in the slips. Capt. Powell presented the youthful square-leg with another catch, and half the side was out for 35.

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Capt. Sutherland made some very nice shots, but was out just as he appeared to be set. Capt. Buckley made one or two hard hits, but it was left to Mr. Sperling, assisted by Lce.-Cpl. Pennock, to make the total score look at all respectable.

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Under the circumstances the match cannot be taken as a true indication of form. The bowlers were very much handicapped, but Fus. Spanton showed much promise. He makes the ball swing in, but he should not try to bowl too fast, and should concentrate on length before anything else. Lce.-Cpl. Pennock has possibilities as a batsman, and with more practice should get runs.

NORTH DOWN.

A. Anderson, c Sutherland, b Purcell	17
J. Macdonald, not out	76
W. Andrews, b Spanton	23
J. Harris, c Laing, b Spanton	1
R. Adair, c Sutherland, b Obey	2
C. Bebe, c Obey, b Purcell	66
J. Coulter, B. Hill, R. Todd, E. Hennessey, D. Shields — did not bat.	
Extras	8
Total (for 5 wkts.)	*193

* Innings declared closed.

Fall of wickets = 1—18, 2—60, 3—66, 4—87, 5—193. Purcell, 2 for 64; Obey, 1 for 32; Laing, 0 for 25; Spanton, 2 for 15; Pennock, 0 for 8; Macmullen, 0 for 24; Powell, 0 for 16.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

2nd-Lieut. Laing, c Shields, b Macdonald	5
Lce.-Sjt. Purcell, c and b Harris	2
Lieut. Macmullen, c Macdonald, b Harris	4
Capt. Sutherland, c Adair, b Macdonald	28
2nd-Lieut. Enderby, c Harris, b Macdonald	1
Capt. Buckley, c Andrews, b Macdonald	18
Capt. Powell, c Shields, b Macdonald	4
2nd-Lieut. Sperling, not out	36
Lce.-Cpl. Pennock, c Adair, b Macdonald	15
Cpl. Obey, b Macdonald	0
Fus. Spanton, b Harris	2
Extras	6
Total	121

Fall of wickets = 1—5, 2—15, 3—17, 4—21, 5—35, 6—51, 7—70, 8—93, 10—121. Macdonald, 7 for 42; Harris, 3 for 52; Hill, 0 for 21.

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WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT *v.* FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Another cold day's cricket, played at Holywood, on 15th May. Fortunately Mr. Macmullen managed to win the toss, and we batted first on a fast, easy wicket. Mr. Sperling looked most unhappy, and was soon out. Mr. Macmullen, however, put on 50 with Mr. Laing for the second wicket. Capt. Sutherland was soon out, but Mr. Enderby began to hit immediately, and life for those in cars on the boundaries became full of unpleasant possibilities.

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With Mr. Laing out at 119, Capt. Powell and Mr. Enderby put on 72 runs in under half an hour, lunch being taken with the score at 191 for 5 wickets. Mr. Enderby was out immediately afterwards, having contributed 86 out of 128—he hit one 6 and fifteen 4's. Capt. Buckley then took up the tale with awful ferocity, scoring 76 out of 107. Apart from one chance in his first over, he never looked like getting out, fielders, as a rule, being only too glad to be out of the danger area. He hit one 6 and twelve 4's. The innings was declared closed at 308 for 9, made in under three hours.

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The West Yorkshire Regiment began by collapsing dramatically, three wickets falling for 6 runs, but Mr. Craig, assisted by Capt. Perberdy, and later by Sjt. Agar, stopped the rot. They were all out, however, for 156, the FIFTH thus winning by 152 runs. Sjt. Purcell bowled well, to take five wickets for 41 runs; while Mr. Macmullen exercised consummate guile to obtain his first wicket of the season. Lce.-Cpl. Pennock deserved to have a wicket, as he completely beat the batsmen several times.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

2nd-Lieut. Sperling, b Bloxam	0
2nd-Lieut. Laing, c and b Craig	31
Lieut. Macmullen, c Turner, b Delaney	34
Capt. Sutherland, b Delaney	1
2nd-Lieut. Enderby, c Craig, b Bloxam	86
Capt. Powell, b Craig	25
Capt. Buckle, c Peberdy, b Bloxam	76
Lce.-Sjt. Purcell, lbw, b Craig	9
Lce.-Cpl. Pennock, c Turner, b Craig	13
Cpl. Pyle, not out	1
Cpl. Obey, Fus. Spanton — did not bat.	
Extras	32
Total	308

Fall of wickets = 1—8, 2—58, 3—67, 4—119, 5—191, 6—195, 7—251, 8—308. Craig, 4 for 92; Bloxam, 3 for 92; Delaney, 2 for 52; Turner, 0 for 40.

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WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

Lce.-Cpl. Turner, b Obey	2
Lce.-Cpl. Delaney, c Laing, b Obey	3
Pte. Banham, c Buckley, b Purcell	1
Capt. Peberdy, b Purcell	18
Lieut. Craig, not out	55
Lieut. Renny, b Spanton	7
Lieut. Stacpoole, lbw, b Spanton	0
Lieut. Bloxam, b Purcell	1
Sjt. Agar, c Sperling, b Purcell	49
Lce.-Cpl. Goddard, c Enderby, b Macmullen	0
Bdsm. Commander, c Purcell, b Spanton	8
Dmr. MacMahon, b Purcell	1
Extras	11
Total	156

Fall of wickets = 1—5, 2—6, 3—6, 4—42, 5—51, 6—51, 7—134, 8—137, 9—138, 10—156. Purcell, 5 for 41; Obey, 2 for 19; Spanton, 3 for 23; Pyle, 0 for 10; Pennock, 0 for 29; Laing, 0 for 12; Macmullen, 1 for 11. Purcell and Macmullen bowled 1 wide, Lce.-Cpl. Pennock bowled 2 wides.

BOXING NOTES.

The following Officers, N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers have represented the Battalion in Team Competitions, season 1928, and have been awarded their Boxing Colours :—

OTHER RANKS.

Catch-Weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, Cpl. Watson.
Light Heavy-Weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Stockton.
Middle-Weights.—Cpl. Naylor, Fus. Townend, Lce.-Cpl. Sharpe, Fus. McCaffery.
Welter-Weights.—Fus. E. Morton, Fus. Miller, Fus. Carty.
Light-Weights.—Sjt. Hackett, Cpl. Roper, Cpl. Ross, Fus. Seymour.
Feather-Weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Collighan.
Bantam-Weights.—Fus. Cornforth, Bdsmn. Anderson.

OFFICERS.

Catch-Weights.—Lieut. Carr-Ellison.
Middle-Weights.—2nd-Lieut. Hobbs.
Light-Weights.—2nd-Lieut. Laing, Capt. Scanlan.

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The Battalion Boxing Team wish Cpl. Roper, who has left us on transfer to the Army Reserve, the best of luck in civil life, and will always welcome him should he look in at any of our Boxing Competitions.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

It is much regretted that the last issue of the *St. George's Gazette* was published without the customary notes from the Serjeants' Mess of the 1st Battalion.

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The writer deeply feels this omission, and tenders his apology to the Editor and to the readers who may be interested in his notes, for any disappointment that resulted, and hastens to assure them that it will not occur again.

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It is, however, felt that if it is explained the chief reason for the lapse was WORK of a highly important military nature, some measure of sympathy may be extended by those who sit in judgment, to the very unhappy scribe.

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"Condenser" also unfortunately ran out of juice, but I leave him to answer for his own sins of omission.

The billiards fixtures in the "Rea Challenge Cup" have been completed, and the following is the final placings of the teams which competed :—

	Points.
Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers	4,610
1st Bn. North'd. Fusiliers	4,495
West Yorkshire Regt.	4,066
Royal Army Service Corps	3,859

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The "Flying" handicap of 41 up has been played to a finish, and we heartily congratulate the winner.

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RESULTS.

Semi-Final. Sjt. Bellamy beat Sjt. Holmes.
C.S.M. Danaford beat Sjt. Murphy.

Final. Sjt. Bellamy beat C.S.M. Danaford.

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Good old "Blossom."

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The "Spring" handicap has also been concluded, and results of the various games are as follows :—

First Round.

Handicap					Handicap			
50B.	R.S.M. Rowsell	200	*beat*	40B.	Sjt. Beatty			154
Sc.	Sjt. Forrester	150	,,	70B.	Sjt. West			190
Sc.	Sjt. Bellamy	150	,,	80B.	Sjt. Swain			119
70B.	Sjt. Locke	220	,,	Sc.	C.S.M. Danaford			100
Sc.	O.R.S. Gale	150	,,	30S.	Sjt. Desmond			110
50B.	Sjt. Croft	200	,,	20B.	C.S.M. Ratliff			107
20B.	Sjt. Matthewson	170	,,	20S.	C.S.M. Carlin			100
40B.	Mr. Hemmings	190	,,	Sc.	Mr. Craven			139
150B.	Sjt. Wixon	300	,,	40B.	Sjt. Holmes			160
150B.	Sjt.-Dmr. Hebbron	300	,,	40B.	Sjt. Bramley			160
50B.	C/Sjt. Irwin	200	,,	70B.	Sjt. Hullyer			200
70B.	Sjt. Hackett	220	,,	20S.	Sjt. Kirby			93
20S.	Sjt. Crawley	150	,,	20S.	Sjt. Dennis			140
Sc.	C.S.M. Scott	150	,,	20B.	Sjt. Haddon			110
Sc.	R.Q.M.S. Capstaff	150	,,	80B.	C/Sjt. Reaney			219

20B. Sjt. Moore—a bye.

Second Round.

Sc.	Sjt. Forrester	150	*beat*	50B.	R.S.M. Rowsell			194
Sc.	Sjt. Bellamy	150	,,	70B.	Sjt. Locke			187
Sc.	O.R.S. Gale	150	,,	50B.	Sjt. Croft			115
20B.	Sjt. Matthewson	170	,,	40B.	Mr. Hemmings			131
Sc.	C.S.M. Scott	150	,,	Sc.	R.Q.M.S. Capstaff			139
150B.	Sjt. Wixon	300	,,	150B.	Sjt.-Dmr. Hebbron			225
70B.	Sjt. Hackett	220	,,	50B.	C/Sjt. Irwin			186
20S.	Sjt. Crawley	130	,,	20B.	Sjt. Moore			93

Third Round.

Sc.	Sjt. Bellamy	150	*beat*	Sc.	O.R.S. Gale			139
150B.	Sjt. Wixon	300	,,	Sc.	C.S.M. Scott			115
20B.	Sjt. Matthewson	170	,,	20S.	Sjt. Crawley			87
70B.	Sjt. Hackett	220	,,	Sc.	Sjt. Forrester			120

Semi-Final.

70B.	Sjt. Hackett	220	*beat*	150B.	Sjt. Wixon			219
20B.	Sjt. Matthewson	170	,,	Sc.	Sjt. Bellamy			100

Final.

20B.	Sjt. Matthewson	170	*beat*	70B.	Sjt. Hackett			118

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Congratulations to the winner, and may his good luck continue.

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The results to date of our fortnightly Whist Drives are :—

	LADIES.	GENTS.
24th March.	1, Mrs. Hemmings	1, Sjt. Fitzgerald (Depôt)
	2, Mrs. Danaford	2, Sjt. Hackett
31st ,,	1, Mrs. West	1, Drm.-Major Hebbron
	2, Mrs. Dennis	2, Mrs. Gale (played as Gent.)
14th April.	1, Mrs. Capstaff	1, C.S.M. Carlin
	2, Mrs. Bramley	2, Sjt. Lawless
28th ,,	1, Mrs. Rowsell	1, R.S.M. Rowsell
	2, Mrs. Wixon	2, Sjt. Timbers
12th May.	1, Mrs. Ratliff	1, Sjt. Purcell
	2, Miss Cox	2, Sjt. Haddon

Booby, Mrs. Hemmings.

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The Annual Ball was held in the Gymnasium at Ballykinlar on 23rd April.

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The attendance was not so great as expected, but this no doubt was due to the weather and also to the distance Ballykinlar is from anywhere in particular. However, in spite of these things the attendance was quite satisfactory, and all present enjoyed themselves.

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We were distinctly honoured to number among our patrons Colonel Kershaw (O.C. 2nd Battalion), Mrs. Kershaw and Mr. Kershaw.

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The former is at home, enjoying a well-earned leave from India.

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Among the many others who honoured us with their presence were :—Colonel and Mrs. Herbert, Major and Mrs. Foster, Captain and Mrs. Sutherland, Captain and Mrs. Powell, Captain and Mrs. Buckley, Captain and Mrs. Scanlan, Captain and Mrs. Seth-Smith, Captain and Mrs. Myers, Captain Gatehouse, Captain Lindsay, Captain Pemberton, Lieut. Martin (2nd Battalion), Lieut. Butterfield, Lieut. Carr-Ellison, Lieut. Beckwith, Lieut. Bolster, Lieut. Macmullen, Lieut. Parsons, Lieut. Stockley, Lieut. Whelan, Lieut. Clarke, Lieut. Laing, Lieut. Sperling, Lieut. Speer, Major G. Williams, and Col. W. Platt (War Office).

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The Committee was the same as last year, *viz.* :—Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Gale (*President*), Band Sjt. Chislett, Sjts. Moore, Crawley, Croft and Gibbons.

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They are deserving of special mention for the very excellent manner in which the Gymnasium was decorated, and the additional lighting effects that were introduced into the scheme of decorations.

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The Colours, with their guard in full dress uniform, and the large array of silver gave additional splendour to the arrangements.

The Committee must have put in an exceptional amount of labour to accomplish so pleasing and successful an effort.

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On this they are heartily congratulated by all the members.

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It is to be regretted that the President of the Committee will not be with us on the next occasion to act in this capacity, but it is hoped that we shall have the pleasure of his company as a guest.

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He can look back with pride on his last effort and know that his task was exceptionally well done.

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The three years he has occupied the post of President have been years of success coupled with progress so that each in turn outclassed its predecessors.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL, BALLYKINLAR, 1928.

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Our thanks are due to the musicians for the splendid programme of music which they rendered, and to the caterers for the excellent manner in which they carried out their contract.

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A photograph of the Colours and silver, taken by Corporal Obey, is included in this issue.

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At York, next year, we hope that many of the ex-members will turn up and let us have the honour of their company.

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The Mess Committee would be extremely grateful if ex-members will kindly notify any change of address, so that our invitation list may be kept up-to-date.

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Sjt. Gibbons and Lce.-Sjt. Kelly have left us and gone to pension.

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To both we extend our best wishes for the future.

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Congratulations to Sjt. Hick on his promotion and appointment as Pioneer Serjeant, and to Lce.-Sjt. Purcell on his appointment.

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Who is the member, when acting as billiard marker chalks the rest, and why does he do it ?

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If this is intended to assist the players he might tell us how.

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It certainly affords amusement to the spectators when the "breaks" are low and uninteresting.

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Sjt. Wixon is on leave, pending embarkation for the Malay

ST. GEORGE'S BALL, BALLYKINLAR, 1928.

[*Photo by Cpl. Obey.*]

States, where he is going to join the Volunteer Force as an Instructor on a tour of duty.

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We shall miss him very much, particularly on the green cloth.

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Our best wishes go with him and *bon voyage*.

"PASKY."

WIRELESS NOTES.

I must apologise for the lack of energy displayed last month, but owing to the very busy time in preparation for St. George's Day events there was little time left for the pen ; also a shortage of juice made matters more difficult.

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Wireless during the summer months is practically a thing of the past.

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We have to confine ourselves to the programme which the 5 X X and local stations inflict on us.

The "Euchre School" can no longer enjoy the Continental dance music, or the famous programme from Toulouse.

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The oscillating bug of "Radio Alley" has even ceased to function.

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He has learned a lesson by now, at the cost of 2 valves.

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We are quite sure that he will never again try to make use of his H.T. Battery for a double purpose.

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The past few weeks have shown a marked decrease in the number of listeners. The beautiful environments of Ballykinlar have caused them to join the "Wanderlust."

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It is not an easy matter now to obtain any notes, and one must be contented with just a few casual comments.

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Therefore my notes, until the advent of the long winter evenings, will be very short.

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At present I am experimenting with a new invention, and hope in our next issue to give full information to our readers as to the results.

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The idea is to make wireless more popular during the summer months, and if successful will cause more amusements among the enthusiasts.

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I do not want to display too much confidence in this effort, but I hope to have at least put it on a "first trial" when writing next notes.

"CONDENSER."

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

The success of the Battalion Boxing Team carried our temporary scribe away from the Unit longer than he had anticipated, and this is the reason why no notes were published last month.

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We humbly beg the indulgence of readers in this unfortunate happening.

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We are enjoying lovely summer weather, and in our spare moments we have delved into our kits and produced tennis rackets, cricket bats and bathing costumes.

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The antics of some of our members on the courts cause no little amusement, but they enjoy themselves, so we let them "carry on."

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The annual Musketry Course has commenced, and a goodly number of our members are interested in bulls and "generals."

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In conversations, I hear no mention is made of the other scores, but I think there would be very few "TANNERS" if these same scores were not counted.

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Owing to the prevalence of these scores, and a few "generals,"

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" Jamoe " has ample time in the evening for airing his opinion of trajectories and other things which he learned about at Hythe.

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Our range correspondent reports that since we lost " WILLOW " nothing of importance has happened. Truly, one never realises the value of a possession until it is lost, and although " Willow " was not a possession, he could always be depended upon to furnish us with some tit-bits during the musketry session.

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Possibly the absence of range news is accounted for by the laxity of our reporter, for of late he has been paying an amount of attention to the Education Department, and no man can serve two masters.

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Our congratulations are extended to Lce.-Cpl. and Mrs. Reid on the birth of a son, and to Lce.-Cpl. and Mrs. Clarke on the birth of a son. May they both grow up as good Fusiliers!

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We would also congratulate Cpl. Jamison on his gaining a " Q. 1 " at Hythe; and Cpls. Graham and Waterhouse on gaining " Q. 1's " at Netheravon.

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Then we welcome Cpls. Babington, Tailford, Flint, and Lce.-Cpl. R. Taylor, who have rejoined us from the Depôt, and hope their stay will be a long and happy one.

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But we are very sorry to announce the departure of so many of our members, and trust they will accept our best wishes in their respective spheres.

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To the Depôt :—Cpls. Horlington and Gooding; Lce.-Cpls. Morrison and J. Taylor.

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To Kneller Hall :—Cpl. Cook.

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To Shorncliffe (Education Course) :—Lce.-Cpl. Langley.

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To the Northamptonshire Regt. :—(as Sjt. Dmr.) Lce.-Cpl. Baker.

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To the Army Reserve :—Cpls. Stanton, Roper and Terry, and Lce.-Cpl. Smart.

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To R.A.V.T.C. :—Cpls. Kirby and Ellen, and Lce.-Cpl. Muschialli.

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We congratulate the undermentioned on the promotion as shown :—

Lce.-Cpl. Hick, promoted Serjeant.
Lce.-Cpl. Jarmain, promoted Corporal.
Cpl. Forrester, promoted Lance-Serjeant.
Cpl. Purcell, promoted Lance-Serjeant.

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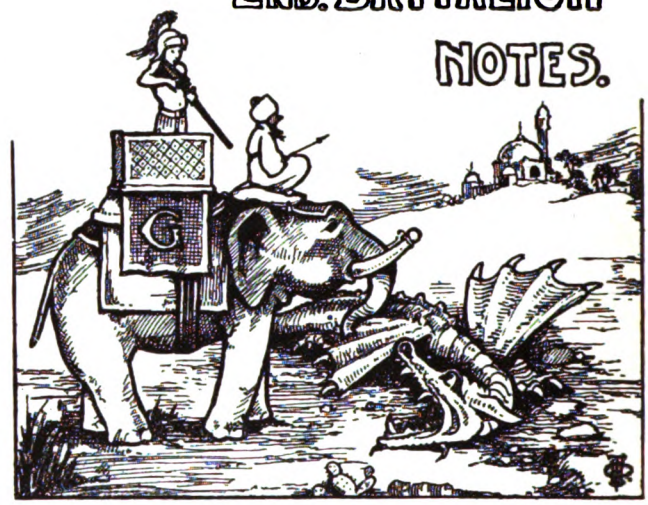
We welcome the following and congratulate them on their appointment :—Lce.-Cpls. Collighan, Petch, Challen, Murphy, Lawson, Lee, White, Dryden, Stephenson, Jones, Oates, Perry, Usher, Paindevoine, Neil and Glenn.

" BLUFF."

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



NOWSHERA,
April, 1928.

THE Diary for the month of April—that mysterious document which all correspondents of the *Gazette* try to keep and don't—is a record of a singularly busy month in the Battalion. Sport and Ceremonial seem to have ousted " Jock " putties, and all they stand for, from our lives: we have come again to the realisation that the " slope " is done in three motions.

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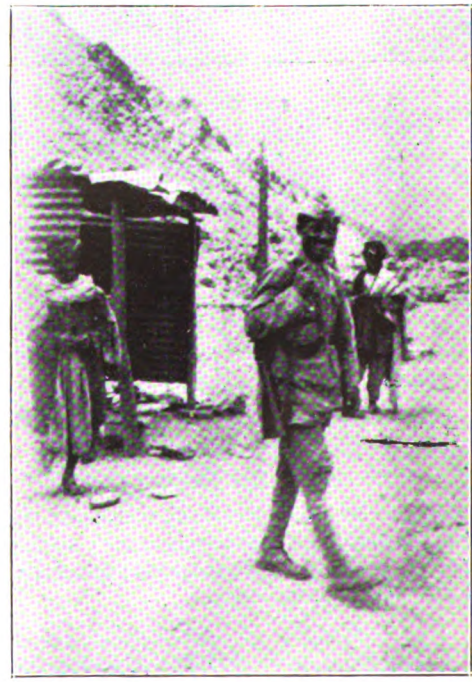
St. George's Day went with even more than its accustomed



AFGHAN SOLDIER, LANDI KHANA.

éclat, and we may congratulate ourselves that we were able

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to entertain the large number of guests, who came from quite distant parts of the Province, adequately. The Parade was

British Khassadar on Afghan Border, Landi Khana.

held at 7 a.m., Major R. E. Critchley Salmonson commanding and Mr. B. D. Tarleton and Mr. K. O. N. Foster carrying the Colours. A great amount of work had been put into practising, and also into transforming the heap of loose stones and sand which we call the square into a hard, level parade ground. The result justified the labour, the parade being carried out with that polished precision which is only obtained by complete self-confidence.

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At the conclusion of the parade the guests, 230 in number, including General Sir Alexander Cobbe, V.C., Major General C. A. C. Godwin, Col.-Cmdt. C. M. Wagstaff, Col.-Cmdt. C. F. Watson, and Col.-Cmdt. J. Van de Bylt, proceeded to the Mess for breakfast.

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Twenty Indian Officers from most of the Regiments in the District were also entertained in shamianas placed in the Mess Garden.

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Telegrams of greeting were received from the following:—Colonel and Mrs. Kershaw; Colonels H. R. Sandilands, Sturgess, Enderby, Sitwell and Girdwood; Air-Commodore Bonham Carter, Col. and Mrs. Hardman Jones, Col. and Mrs. Heard; Lieut.-Cols. Platt, Athill and Leverson; Major and Mrs. Ovens; Majors Foster, Baxter, Lawson, St. John and Flower; Capts. Thomas, Attwater, Miller-Hallet; Messrs. Ingledew, Martin, Surtees, Clifford, Leach, Hanmer; 1st Battalion, The Depôt, the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions, The Old Comrades' Association, and the Homeward Bound Draft.

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On the 10th April, the Battalion mounted a Guard of Honour, under the Command of Major T. J. Carol Leahy, to H.E. The Commander-in-Chief, who came to Nowshera to lunch with the Brigade Commander, Col. C. M. Wagstaff. The Guard was very carefully selected and trained by the Adjutant, and presented a fine appearance drawn up on the lawn of Flagstaff House. After the inspection, Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood was good enough to send for the Officers and congratulate them upon the smartness of the Guard. Major T. J. Carol Leahy and Mr. B. D. Tarleton, who was roped in for the occasion to give his usual polished exposition of an A.D.C. at work, lunched with His Excellency.

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We should like to know the name of the Officer of the Guard who, being led away in the manner of a poor relation at a wedding to be refreshed, left sixpence under the plate—for the A.D.C. Also who owned the three pairs of legs which were visible below a bush in the shrubbery, the heads attached to the same, like three ostriches reversed, being concealed in the upper branches.

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The great summer break-up has commenced, and in a few days will be completed. The Battalion, less "A" and "B" Companies, march to Cherat on the 1st May. "A" Company moves to Khanspur on the 7th May; whilst "B" Company remains in Nowshera. However, like rats from a sinking ship—as some unkind wit, who cannot get leave, pointed out—many Officers have already disappeared—six to England, home, and all that sort of thing; Captains Chipper and Waight to reign in Khanspur and Cherat respectively; and Messrs. E. H. D. Grimley, P. H. Earle and H. S. Flower to the snow mountains of the Himalaya with rod and rifle.

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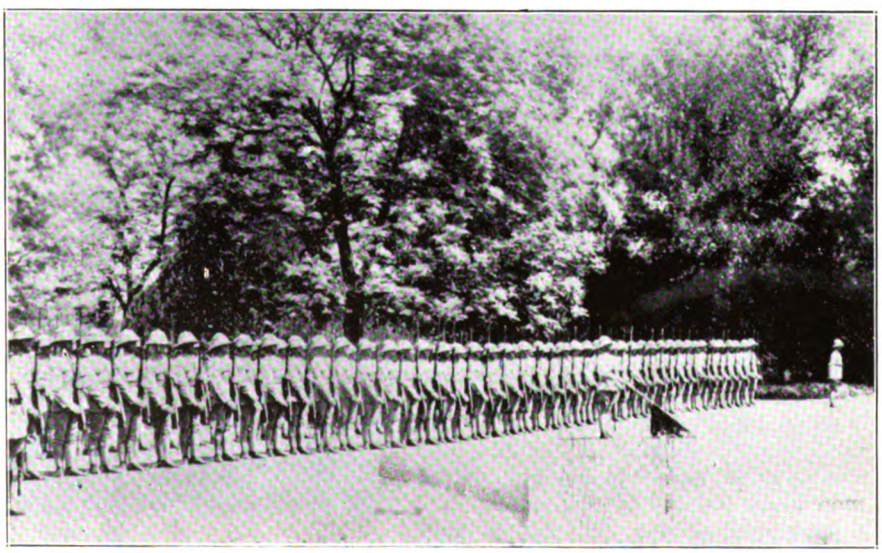
We had the pleasure of welcoming to the Regiment, Mr. C. C. G. Milward, who joined during the month. Mr. Milward's father, Col.-Cmdt. C. A. M. Milward, commands the Landi Kotal Brigade, and is of course well known to most of us in the 2nd Battalion.



Guard of Honour on H.E. The Comma nder-in-Chief.

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Messrs. G. H. B. Beyts and B. P. Walawaker, I.A.U.L,. joined for their year's probation, which we hope will be instructive and will put them on the right path for their arduous and responsible lives as Officers of the Indian Army.

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"A" COMPANY. WINNERS, INTER-COMPANY ATHLETICS, 1928.

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An extract from the Game Book is appended. For a District which is recognised as poor for shooting, the results are better than we expected. Duck only use this as a resting-place in their emigration from Turkistan to Sind in October and November and in the return flight in March, whilst snipe do not appear in shootable numbers until 1st March.

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"Black Bear 3, Serow 1, Worial 11, Duck 38, Teal 101, Snipe 180, Chakor 30, Grey Partridge 17, Pigeon 11, Sisi 1, Hare 1, Trout 319, Mahseer 67, other fish 47. Total 817."

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Since closing the book on the 1st of April, a further 70 Snipe and 21 Quail have been added. The last Trout was 3½ lbs. (Major O. B. Foster), the last Worial 27½ inches (Mr. K. O. N. Foster).

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The Nowshera Dramatic Society has produced another Play, "The Naughty Wife," of which they gave three excellent performances in aid of the Military Hospital. Our own Corps of Actors was relegated to the more menial positions on this occasion; Mr. Grimley being thunder, rain and the front door slamming; Mr. Bucknal being prompter; and Mr. Tarleton giving his expert opinion and attending the supper parties.

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The Company and Platoon Championships have been concluded. We congratulate "C" Company (Major R. E. Critchley Salmonson) and the M.G. Platoon (Mr. E. H. D. Grimley) on winning. Both were closely contested: in each case the result depended on the final match or the final event. The Champion Platoon has the honour of wearing a special lanyard —silver and green on blue patrol jackets and khaki on drill jackets.

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PLATOON CHAMPIONSHIP.

Platoon.	Football.	Hockey.	Athletics.	March and Shoot.	Basket Ball.	Total.
M.G.'s ..	18	18	20	10	3	69
No. 10 Platoon	20	20	0	14	7	61
No. 14 Platoon	10	4	10	18	5	47
Employed Group	1	0	18	20	0	39
No. 6 Platoon ..	4	10	4	16	0	34
No. 1 Platoon ..	9	9	1	13	0	32

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COMPANY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Company.	Football.	Hockey.	Cricket.	Boxing.	Athletics.	Cross Country Run.	Tug-o'-War.	Education.	Musketry.	Total.
"C" Coy.	4	10	4	4	7	10	1	0	7	47
"A" Coy.	10	0	10	0	10	7	0	3	4	44
"D" Coy.	7	7	7	7	0	0	3	1	10	42
"B" Coy.	0	4	0	10	4	4	5	5	1	33

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The Regimental Football Team competed in the "Lahore Trades Cup" early in the month, but were unfortunate in meeting the Durham Light Infantry, who probably have the best Regimental team in India, in the second round. In the first round we played the 4th/7th Dragoon Guards, and defeated them 2—1. In the second match our team played a good, hard game to the end, but the D.L.I. scoring ability in front of goal left no doubt of the result, and they won 5—0. The

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D.L.I. eventually won the Cup with ease, defeating the Seaforth Highlanders in the final, 5—0.

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We congratulate " D " Company (Major E. H. Baxter) upon winning the " Scissors Cup," which was played at Risalpur during April. Sixteen Company, Squadron, Battery and R.A.F. Squadron teams entered, but " D " Company played their way brilliantly to the final, in which they defeated H.Q. Squadron 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, in the replay of a draw, by 4 goals to 2. A short account of the match is appended.

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THE " SCISSORS CUP " FINAL.

H.Q. Squadron 5th Inniskilling Dragoons *versus* " D " Company 5th Fusiliers.

The match was played on the Y.M.C.A. ground at Risalpur, 13th April, 1928, before a large crowd of spectators.

Fus. Watson scored the first goal for " D " Company, from a well-placed pass from the left wing. After a good forward movement, " D " Company again scored through Fus. Evens, making the score 2—0. The Dragoons made a determined rush, and their centre-forward scored a brilliant goal. Just before the interval they again scored, making a total of 2 all. After the interval the play was very even, the ball being mostly in mid-field. After a strong attack on the Dragoon's goal, a penalty was awarded to " D " Company. Fus. Stephenson scored with a fine shot. The Dragoons then made some fine attacks on " D " Company's goal, and were unlucky not to score. Five minutes from time, " D " Company were awarded another penalty, and Stephenson again scored. The final result being 4—2 in favour of " D " Company.

The Cup was presented by Col. Van-de-Byle, D.S.O., who complimented both teams on the excellent play.

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" A " COMPANY—INTER-COMPANY WINNERS.

BOXING NOTES.

The following are records of the performances of some of our more prominent boxers during this year :—

Drummer Hayton, Light Heavy-Weight.

Weight winner, Open Tournament, Cherat, 1927.
Winner, Team Event, Mussourie, 1927.
Runner-up, Individual, Mussourie, 1927.
Weight winner, Inter-Company, Nowshera 1927.
Winner, 6th Contest, Risalpur (L.A.C. Gates), 1928 (Contest).
Weight winner, Open Tournament, Risalpur, 1928.
Winner, Peshawar District, Individual, 1928.
Weight winner, Peshawar Team Event, 1928.
Runner-up, Northern Command, 1928 (beaten by Pte. S. H. Raich in final).

NOTE.—Not eligible to compete in Hart Tournament, 1928.

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" C " COMPANY'S CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM, WINNERS OF INTER-COMPANY RUN.

Fus. Cross, Light-Weight.

Weight winner, Open Tournament, Cherat, 1927.
Runner-up, Hart Medal, 1928 (Nowshera), Welter-Weight.

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Runner-up, Individuals, Mussourie, 1927.
Weight winner, Inter-Company, Nowshera, 1927.
Winner, Open Tournament, Risalpur, 1928.

Beaten, Semi-Finals, Hart Medals, 1927–28.
Beaten, Semi-Finals, Peshawar District, 1927–28.
Best Loser's Prize, Burt Institute Tournament, Lahore, 1928.

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No. 10 Platoon.—Winners of Inter-Platoon Football Tournament.

Contests.

1.	Tpr. Mills, at Risalpur	Won.
2.	Tpr. Gentry, at Risalpur	Won.
3.	Tpr. Gentry	Lost.
4.	L.A.C. Haines	Won.
5.	Pte. Lery	Lost.

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Dmr. Fraser, Light-Weight.

Winner, Novices Competition, 1927.
Winner, Hart Medal, 1928.
Runner-up, Peshawar District, 1928.
Beaten in Semi-Final, Northern Command.

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Dmr. Travis.

Runner-up, Open Tournament, Risalpur, 1928.
Winner, Hart Medals, Nowshera, 1928.
Won three Contests, Risalpur.

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Lce.-Cpl. Hawkins, Feather-Weight.

Winner, Inter-Company, Nowshera, 1927.
Inter-Platoon winner, Cherat, 1927.
Runner-up, Open Tournament, Cherat, 1927.
Winner, Hart Medal Competition, 1928.

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Fus. King, Welter-Weight.

Beaten, Semi-Finals, Northern Command, 1928.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

As usual, St. George's Day is past and we are looking forward as usual to the next one; heard the usual old songs sung by the usual members, and as usual we are gradually recovering from the usual after-effects.

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We welcome Lce.-Cpls. Abbott, Elsey, Rowley, Cowel, Shotton, Brown, Macklan, Harrop, Watson and Laverick into the Club, and we hope their stay will be a long and happy one.

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We offer our congratulations to "Bransby"—hope his wife will let him come to see us occasionally.

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Glad to see "Mack" back from Poona, and looking so fit. Quartermaster please note:—The Signallers may require some larger sizes in topees in the near future.

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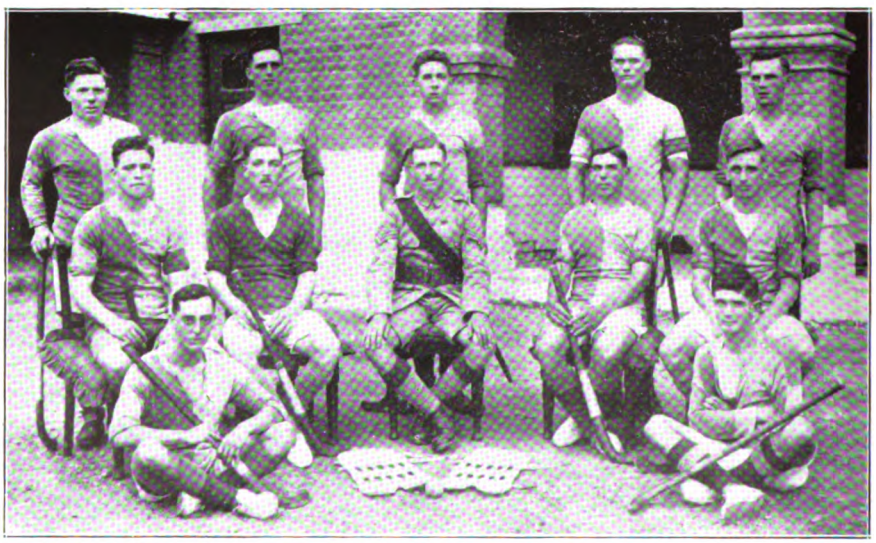
The writer offers no apology for any mistakes in grammar,



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No. 10 Platoon—Winners of Inter-Platoon Hockey Tournament.

etc., because "B" Company's N.C.O.'s invited him to dinner on the 23rd, and when he got to the Dining Hall they didn't

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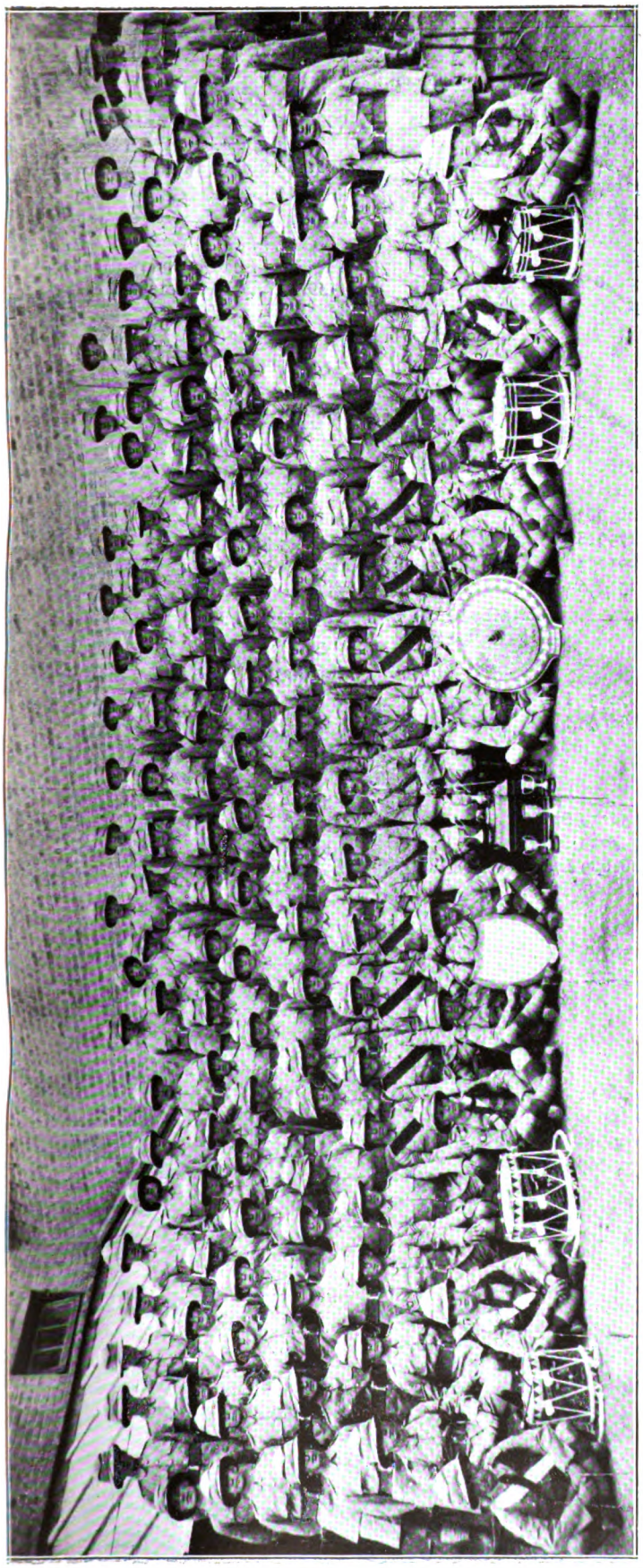

"C" Company, 2nd Battalion, Champion Company, 1928–29.

give him any dinner at all, and they didn't offer any apology either.

R.W.J.

DEPOT NOTES.

Fenham Barracks,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

May, 1928.

OUR notes for this month begin as from 24th April last, as we were only able to include notes up to 23rd April in last month's *Gazette*.

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April 24th.—No. 2 L.G. Course commenced for N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers of the 6th and 7th Battalions (T.A.); 16 Other Ranks attended from each Battalion.

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Colonel H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O., made a tour of inspection of the Depôt. He visited the Dining Halls and Institutes, and saw the Recruit Company at work, the normal training programme being adhered to.

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A telegram of congratulations for St. George's Day was received from Mr. Forbes-Watson, who is now serving with the W.A.F. Force.

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April 26th.—We were very pleased to see Bt.-Lieut.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., and the D.A.A.G., Lieut.-Col. V. T. R. Ford, D.S.O., Northern Command, who paid us a visit during the morning. They had come to the North with reference to Recruiting in the Newcastle District.

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Colonel Sandilands left Newcastle, to return to the Senior Officers' School, Sheerness. It was unfortunate that his stay was not longer, and we regret that he had to leave us so soon.

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April 28th.—No. 6 Cook's Course ended.

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Sjt. Hunter and a Draft of 23 Other Ranks arrived from the 2nd Battalion. Sjt. Hunter has come to relieve Sjt. Green, who has returned to India.

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Our congratulations to Mr. Crawhall on his appointment as Adjutant of the Small Arms School, Hythe, Kent, though we are very sorry to lose him. Our best wishes go with him for the future. He has proceeded on a week's leave, after which he will join the S.A.S., Hythe, for duty.

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April 29th.—No. 2 L.G. Course ended.

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April 30th.—Commencement of the Cricket Season. This sounds most decidedly impressive, and is indicative of the approach of summer. Unfortunately the indication is bad, as summer still seems to be very far away, judging by the weather prevailing at present. We have, however, been fortunate enough to make several fixtures for the season, and hope to see many of our old opponents of last year.

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May 7th.—No. 7 Cook's Course commenced for Fusiliers of the 6th Battalion (T.A.).

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Sjts. Meadows and Bowker proceeded to join the 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards, Tower of London, for attachment, to undergo a Course in Drill.

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May 8th.—We welcome Mr. Stockley to the Depôt. He has come to take the place of Mr. Crawhall.

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May 11th.—December Squad, 1927, under Captain Braddell and Sjt. Peppiatt, proceeded to Ballykinlar to join the 1st Battalion.

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May 12th.—Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt proceeded to France on a month's leave. France, we hope, is having better weather than England just now.

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Captain Braddell returned from Draft Conducting Duty in Ireland. He informed us that he had an excellent time, and sunshine every day. Something must have gone wrong with that depression over Iceland during that week-end.

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May 23rd.—We were very pleased to see Mr. Yorke, who has come over from Ballykinlar to conduct January Squad, 1928, to Ireland. Our regret is that his stay was of necessity so short, as he returned to Ireland on the 25th.

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The following table, showing final placings of the Garrison Football League, is published for information :—

Team.	Pl'yd.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals For.	Against.	Points.
5th North'd. Fus. (D.S.)	6	5	1	–	20	10	11
D.L.I. (D.S.)	6	4	1	1	21	11	9
5th N.F. (Recruits) ..	6	3	–	3	14	23	6
"Z" Battery R.A. ..	6	3	1	3	10	12	6
21st Field Bde. (H.Q.)	6	2	1	3	12	8	5
D.L.I. (Recruits) ..	6	2	–	4	8	11	4
"Y" Field Bty. R.A. ..	6	–	2	4	5	20	2

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EDUCATION CERTIFICATES.

The undermentioned were awarded Certificates, as stated, at an examination held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on 8th May, 1928 :—

Second Class.

4265541 Fus. C. Adlard
4266015 Fus. J. Hogg
4266059 Fus. G. Watson
4266003 Fus. W. Greenall
4265948 Fus. W. Fulcher
4265963 Fus. F. W. Graham
4265959 Fus. W. L. Wilson
4264167 Fus. H. Ross
4266008 Fus. R. Bonnier
4265064 Fus. J. Patterson
4265979 Fus. J. Cross
4265995 Fus. J. J. Pitchford
4265947 Fus. W. E. Coulton
4265964 Fus. J. McGill
7338120 Dmr. T. B. Smith

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Third Class.

4265988 Fus. R. Atkinson
4265994 Fus. F. G. Gardner
4266072 Fus. L. Mason
4265998 Fus. G. Proud
4266103 Fus. W. H. Strike
4266012 Fus. W. L. Bone
760576 Fus. W. Lake
4265944 Fus. D. Park
4265971 Fus. W. J. Stewart

The undermentioned attended Courses at the Depôt :—

4th Bn. North'd. Fusiliers. Section Leaders.

4261068 Sjt. H. Adamson
4262309 Cpl. J. Brooks
4259890 Cpl. R. Renwick
4258587 Sjt. H. Gilholme
4261250 Cpl. J. Holden
4258714 Sjt. W. Mitchinson
4263103 Cpl. W. Marshall
4260632 L/Sjt. J. Renwick
4261705 Fus. W. Teasdale
4261321 Sjt. S. A. Armstrong
4262932 Sjt. J. Callighan
4261188 Sjt. D. Grant
4258446 C.Q.M.S. E. Henderson
4260135 Cpl. T. Lytollys
4259731 L/Sjt. J. McHugh
4262308 L/Sjt. J. Noon
4259755 Sjt. T. Stamp
4263483 Fus. M. Storey

Attached, 16th to 21st April, 1928.

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7th Bn. North'd. Fusiliers. Section Leaders.

4259223 Sjt. B. F. Tuck
4264941 Sjt. J. E. Guy
4257869 Cpl. W. Kay
4260353 Fus. W. Cairns
4265683 Fus. W. J. Lough
3179618 Fus. F. Allan
4261054 Sjt. J. T. Patterson
4251946 Cpl. J. N. O'Hare
4252150 Sjt. J. B. Welsh
4263795 Cpl. C. Ross
4263928 L/Cpl. H. O. Kay
4263245 Fus. R. W. Jackson
5265465 Fus. T. E. Fox
4262285 Sjt. J. Robson
4263190 L/Cpl. J. Caisley

Attached from 24th to 29th April, 1928.

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6th North'd. Fusiliers.

387283 L/Cpl. A. Ash
4261899 L/Cpl. R. Weatherstone
4260716 Sjt. J. McAnelly
4338209 Cpl. T. Wilson
4261160 Sjt. J. Daglish
4258359 Sjt. C. Sergent
4293979 Sjt. W. Grey
4261689 L/Sjt. G. Mason
4265296 Fus. J. A. Bolton
4262173 Sjt. J. L. Wood
4261124 Cpl. E. Melton
4262993 Cpl. G. Hoggins
4258362 Sjt. O. H. Nevison
4256017 L/Sjt. J. Parker
4258354 C.Q.M.S. T. Chisholm
4263637 Cpl. J. Fife

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6th Bn. North'd. Fusiliers. Cooks' Course.

4259793 Fus. J. H. Anderson
4258179 Fus. J. Wilks

Attached from 7th to 12th May, 1928.

CRICKET NOTES.

On 12th May we met Ridley Hall in our first cricket match of the season, and were successful in defeating them, after a very good game. The match was played on the Garrison Ground, the visitors being entertained to tea after the match.

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Ridley Hall won the toss, and batted first, their score being as follows :—

RIDLEY HALL.

F. Pearson, b Thompson	27
J. Thompson, b Nicholson	6
L. Bell, c and b Thompson	2
H. Coates, c and b Nicholson	1
E. Heslop, b Nicholson	0
T. Sisterson, b Thompson	6
E. Waite, b Jubb	4
W. Mash, b Jubb	3
T. Watson, run out	0
F. Ritson, not out	2
F. Waite, b Jubb	5
Extras	11
Total	67

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FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Sjt. Thompson, c and b Coates	4
Fus. Nicholson, b Waite	17
Fus. Cuthbert, run out	13
Fus. Jubb, b Heslop	15
Mr. Stockley, b Heslop	0
Mr. Pringle, b Heslop	12
Fus. Sanderson, b Mash	8
Fus. Gregory, c and b Bell	0
Fus. Barnes, b Waite	9
Fus. Mullen, not out	14
Fus. McCartney, c and b Heslop	6
Extras	13
Total	111

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The return match takes place at Ridley Hall on 21st July.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

May, 1928.

We regret to announce the death of No. 707947 C.Q.M.S. T. Williams, D.C.M., who died in the Leicester Royal Infirmary,

C.Q.M.S. T. WILLIAMS, D.C.M.

on 4th May, 1928, of Addison's Disease, after a very short illness.

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The late C.Q.M.S. Williams was discharged from the 2nd Battalion on 18th December, 1925, after completing 21 years' service.

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To his widow and children we extend our deepest sympathy.

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Lce.-Sjt. Gray rejoined on 4th May, on completion of a Long Qualifying Course at the S.A.S., Hythe, and obtained a "Q 1."

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Sjt. D. Bowker proceeded to the 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards from Hythe on 6th instant, for a Drill Course.

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Sjt. Bowker obtained a "Q1.1" at the L.Q. Course at the S.A.S., Hythe.

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Lce.-Sjt. Meadows proceeded to 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards for a Drill Course, on the 16th instant.

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Sjt. Annison and Cpl. Horlington proceeded to the Guards Depôt, Canterbury, for a Drill Course, on 25th instant.

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We welcome Serjeant and Mrs. Hunter, who joined us on the 28th April from the 2nd Battalion, and trust their stay with us will be a happy one.

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Lce.-Sjt. Couse and Mrs. Couse have been attached to the Depôt, from 2nd Battalion in India, from 21st instant, pending discharge in August.

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We are very pleased to record the fact that Mrs. Couse's health has considerably improved since her arrival in the United Kingdom, and trust that ere the time comes for leaving the Service she will be completely restored to health.

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The Warrant Officers and Serjeants held their Annual Ball at the Depôt on St. George's Day, and as usual the function was a great success—in fact, judging by the complimentary remarks made by those who should know, one of the best held at the Depôt.

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We were not honoured with the presence this year of as many ex-Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers as is usual, largely due, no doubt, to the fact that the Ball was held on a Monday, trade depression, unemployment and sickness, etc. We hope to see many more next year.

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In addition to our Commanding Officer and Officers, Colonel H. R. Sandilands, Territorial Battalions Commanders, Territorial Adjutants, and Officers of other Units in the Station, we had the honour of a visit from Lieut.-Gen. Sir C. N. Cory, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., our Area Commander, who was in Newcastle-on-Tyne, paying a round of visits prior to his departure from Command of the Area on his promotion.

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He and his Aide-de-Camp expressed themselves extremely pleased—in fact, more than surprised that we had such functions.

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The undermentioned ex-Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers and their wives attended the Ball:—Mr. J. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Ambury, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Mower, Mr. W. Beecham, Mrs. Shipley and daughters, Mr. G. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. Gosman, Mr. and Mrs. Rowden, S/Sjt. and Mrs. Keith (on leave from India), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mercer and daughters, Mr. J. Menham, Mr. and Mrs. J. Balding, Mr. A. Carter, Mr. J. Tindale, Sjt. West, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Prophet, Mr. and Mrs. Slater, Mr. J. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Phillipson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Locker, Mr. T. A. Tudor, Mr. and Mrs. Josling and daughter, Mr. H. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Daley.

The Ball commenced at 9 p.m., and went merrily on until about 4 a.m. Our thanks are due to the President and the Committee for the wonderful decoration and transformation of the Gymnasium. General Cory said that had he not known the room was a Gymnasium, he would have never believed it.

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So much for the 1928 Ball. Here's to the next!

4th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
25th May, 1928.

A VISIT was paid during the week-end, 19th/20th May, to the Camp area by the C.O. and Company Commanders, and a lot of heavy work was got through, both on the training areas and in the conference room at night.

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Everyone was pleased with the camp site, and especially with the training areas, which were declared unanimously to be the best we have ever had. The further areas are some distance from Camp, but this gives more scope for the C.O. and Adjutant to play the old game of hiding behind convenient looking hedges, to award marks for the Champion Company Cup.

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One potential source of danger is a tramway which traverses "D" area, and along which, we are assured by the local inhabitants, tubs are drawn at the rate of 40 miles per hour. We trust there will be no fatalities from this source.

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The camp is to all intents and purposes on the seashore, and excellent facilities for bathing exist. The Sports Committee are full of schemes for the inclusion of some aquatic events in the Battalion Sports, so we may look forward to a really good meeting this year.

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There is excellent ground in the immediate vicinity of Camp for the construction of football grounds, and we are informed that each Battalion will have a ground to itself.

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An innovation during this year's camp will be the 50th Division Horse Show, which will take place on the second Friday.

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As our Transport section is now up to strength, we hope to acquit ourselves worthily in the team events.

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Those of us who do not ride will look forward with pleasurable anticipation to the Officers' Jumping events, which should prove both interesting and instructive.

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Sunday Drills have been in progress for the last few week-ends.

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We are glad to note that O.C. "W" Company has been reading his "Memorandum on Army Training, Collective Period 1927," and has reduced concealment of movement from observation from the air (and the ground) to a fine art.

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The Serjeants' Mess were at home to the Officers on Friday,

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27th April, and matches were played as follows :—Billiards, Whist, Shooting.

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A most enjoyable evening was spent, but as we feel that the Serjeants will not let slip this opportunity of chronicling their triumph, in the Mess Notes, we will say no more.

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During the period of intensive training, it becomes hard to remember when one is a civilian and when a soldier.

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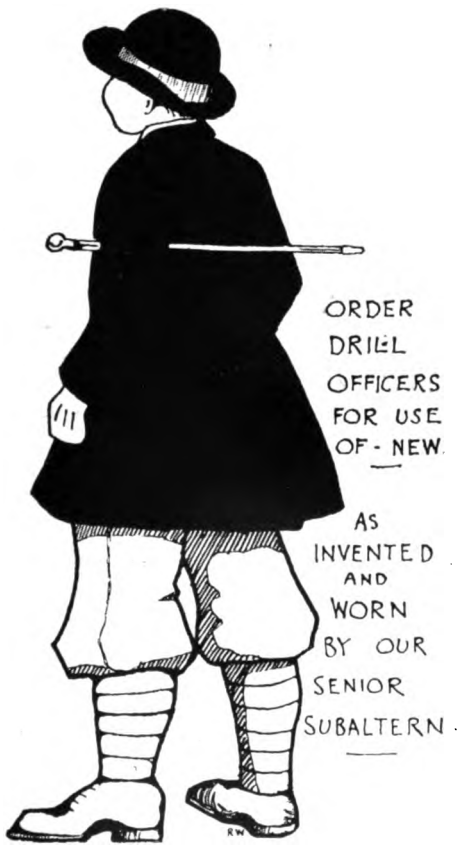
As will be seen from the sketch below, one of our Officers has solved this problem most ingeniously by being dressed for all occasions.



HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

By the time these notes are published we shall have finished with the 1928 County Rifle Meeting, which takes place at Ponteland on Whit week-end. At the present moment our hopes run high, what we shall feel like when these notes do appear remains to be seen.

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We hear good reports of Marske from our Company Commanders, and are rejoiced to hear that we will spend all the training time in marching to and from the training areas.

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We hope the Territorial Army will never be mechanized ! !

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Congratulations to Mr. J. Clark on his engagement to Miss Irwin.

Most of our routine firing at Haydon Bridge has now been completed, and for once the weather has been kind to us.

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We go to Allans Green for our first Sunday morning parade this next Sunday. May the weather also smile on us there!!

SERJEANTS' MESS, NEWBURN DETACHMENT.

May, 1928.

Our correspondent this month tackles his task bravely, but wonders how he will finish.

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The Annual Dinner was held in the Mess on St. George's Day, at 7.30 p.m., attended by 56 past and present members ; a most enjoyable evening was passed. The usual toasts were taken, with great gusto.

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After the Dinner a musical programme was rendered, which was highly appreciated. The Chair was occupied by R.S.M. S. C. Clarke, who carried out his arduous duties in a very able manner.

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Programme as follows :—

NAME.	ITEM.
Mr. McTeer (late C.S.M. "W" Company)	"Old Shako"
Mr. Elliot	"Four little fingers and a thumb"
C.S.M. Blakey	"Trumpeter"
	"Danny Boy"
Sjt. Hymers	(Parody) "Old Apple Tree"
Sjt. Bell	"Old County Down"
Sjt. Veitch	"How I became a Transport Serjeant," etc.
Mr. Jobson	"The Bandolero"
	"Drinking"
R.S.M. Clarke	"Leicester Square" (Dahn aw wye)
Sjt. Bell (R.A.)	"I love the Bees and the Flowers"
C.Q.M.S. Jobson	"The D.C.M."
	"The Old Bassoon"
Sjt. McHugh	"Thora"
C.Q.M.S. Cowans	Recitation "Gongadin"
Sjt. Callaghan	Song ? ?
Mr. Storey	"Mary"
Mr. Graham	"I can't live widout yer"
Sjt. Stamp	"Minstrel Boy"

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A jolly night ended and all left in good fighting spirits.

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On Friday, 27th April, the Mess competed against the Officers in three events : namely, Billiards, Whist and a Shoot.

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We ran out winners in all events. It is hoped that in the near future the Officers will try to avenge their defeat.

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Results appended below :—

BILLIARDS.

Officers.		*Serjeants.*	
Major G. L. Bradley	58	Sjt. Mitchinson	100
Capt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C.	98	C.S.M. Stuart	100
Capt. W. Watson, M.C.	59	R.S.M. Clarke	100
Lieut. G. B. Smith	50	Sjt. Armstrong	100
Lieut. J. C. Neville	48	C.Q.M.S. Jobson	100
Total	313	Total	500

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WHIST (BEST OF 5 GAMES).

Officers.		*Serjeants.*	
Capt. W. Watson, M.C. Capt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C.	1	Sjt. Simpson Sjt. Armstrong	3
Lieut. G. B. Smith Lieut. J. C. Neville	3	C.Q.M.S. Cowans Sjt. Stamp	1
Capt. W. Watson, M.C. Lieut. J. C. Neville	1	Sjt. Simpson Sjt. Stamp	3
Total	5	Total	7

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SHOOTING (BEST SCORE).

Officers.		*Serjeants.*	
Lieut. J. C. Neville	60	C.Q.M.S. R. Brown	72
Lieut. G. B. Smith	31	C.Q.M.S. R. Cowans	63
Capt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C.	43	C.S.M. T. Brown	78
Major G. L. Bradley	62	Sjt. Mitchinson	71
Capt. W. Watson, M.C.	63	R.S.M. Clarke	55
Total	259	Total	339

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We are pleased to know that the Depôt Training Cadre are to be attached to us during the period of Annual Training at Camp. We hope that they will have a pleasant time during their stay with us.

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The date of the County Shoot is approaching, and some of the members are "getting their eye down to it."

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It was interesting to see one Warrant Officer going to practice at Ponteland. The only things he didn't carry were "the hits on the target." Sights, binoculars, telescopes, etc., were part and parcel of his kit. We were thankful he didn't have any special targets to carry.

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However, we hope he has gained the necessary benefit by it, and that he has his eye and rifle toned to perfection. Good luck, Tiny!

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One couldn't help noticing the amount of work done by several members of the Mess. It is known that a certain C.Q.M.S. and two Serjeants who were doing duty in the Butts were actually "sweating." The reason for their condition was the *unlimited* time allowed to "paste up." No wonder that the ears of the Warrant Officer on the Firing Point were burning. *Targets up, please.*

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QUESTIONS ASKED AND ANSWERED.

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S.M.: "No" "Yes." "Perhaps." "Never." "Quite."

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S.M.: "Not this week," etc.

S.M.: "But you should know these things!"

Answer: "But we have never been told, Sir!"

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ASKED IN THE MESS.

Question: What is a fine sight?

Answer: A C.Q.M.S. playing the piano in Drill Order.

"STEVE."

5th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,

29th May, 1928.

PHEW! the writer will simply venerate journalists after this. Whitsuntide holidays and not a line written! Imagine, dear reader, the Adjutant, R.S.M., O.R.Sjt., and a whole host of Orderly Room Clerks writing chits, telephoning, sending verbal messages to inform you that the Battalion Notes are overdue. Thank Heavens! there is not an Editor to join the clamouring throng.

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Well, to deal with the last item of news first, the Battalion was fairly successful at the Rifle Meeting at Ponteland, on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 26th, 27th and 28th inst. Appended are results obtained by our representatives:—

The Morpeth Prize.	Prize.	Score.
Capt. T. A. Carlile ("A" Coy.)	1st (£3 and Medal)	34
Sjt. A. Black (H.Q.)	10/-	31
Lieut. N. R. Giles (H.Q.)	10/-	29
The County Prize.		
C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson ("D" Coy.)	1st (£3 and Medal)	32
Capt. T. A. Carlile ("A" Coy.)	10/-	31
Sjt. A. Black (H.Q.)	10/-	30
Lce.-Sjt. P. Archbold ("A" Coy.)	10/-	29
The Association Prize.		
Sjt. A. Black (H.Q.)	10/-	30
2nd-Lieut. N. R. Giles (H.Q.)	10/-	27
Lce.-Cpl. N. Milbourne (H.Q.)	10/-	27
The Chipchase Cup.		
Sjt. A. Black (H.Q.)	10/-	30
The Lord Lieutenant's Prize.		
Sjt. A. Black (H.Q.)	15/-	63
The County Aggregate.		
Sjt. A. Black (H.Q.)	10/-	152
2nd-Lieut. N. R. Giles (H.Q.)	10/-	136
Lce.-Cpl. G. Ward ("B" Coy.)	10/-	118
The Recruits Prize.		
Fus. G. Robson ("B" Coy.)	10/-	29

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Capt. Carlile, Lieut. Giles, C.Q.M.S. Hutchinson and Sjt. Black are to be congratulated on their successful shooting. On the Monday mostly team events took place, and in these we were not quite so successful. The Machine Gun Team, after getting off the mark quicker than the others, in the "Bourne" Cup Competition, unfortunately broke a firing pin and had to deal with some dud ammunition. H.Q. Company reached the 3rd round of the Co-operative Union Cup, after having defeated "A" Company in the 2nd round, but had to give best to the Tyne E. Engineers; and so ended the 1928 County Rifle Meeting so far as we were concerned.

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This month we held our Intensive Training Week, from 14th to 18th May. The Brigade Commander visited us on the Thursday evening, and found us all as busy as bees. The week finished up with an Officers' and N.C.O.'s Tactical Exercise at Alnmouth, on the 19th and 20th. The Officers did a scheme on the Saturday, while part of it was gone over with the N.C.O.'s on the Sunday. One and all enjoyed themselves, and all the N.C.O.'s were ready to come again the next week-end if we so desired.

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Unfortunately we have not the requisite funds. After being paid out they all embussed, and we will not enquire any further as to the time taken on return journey, etc., or what their wives said at 12 p.m.

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Even the poor Subalterns enjoyed the week-end after having narrowly missed being locked up for various offences against the Motor Car Act, 1801 A.D., and again for loitering in Alnwick with felonious intentions. They are at present awaiting all the blue papers.

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" B " Company held a Dance on Friday, the 11th, but unfortunately the attendance was not up to the mark. Better luck next year, " B "!

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We hasten to announce that all the rumours of the past months have been gathered together and studied by the Intelligence Section, who announce definitely, positively, money back if not, etc., that Captain F. H. Phillips—yes! the one who flew second in the " Selfridge's Cup " Air Race at Bristol (for which he is to be congratulated)—is to be married on 7th June. We offer our——What did you say? But more of this next month.

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Mr. Besley has been transferred from " D " Company to No. 2 Group (M. Gun Platoon), H.Q. Wing.

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Our strength to-day is 18 Officers and 525 Other Ranks.

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Ssh! " Tell it not in Gath; publish it not in the streets of Askelon," our worthy Adjutant has recently diddled the examiners by passing his " D " Exam. Comment is needless. He is now considering offers for it, the highest tender not necessarily accepted.

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THE GREEN BAIZE (*concluded*).

At last the real hero enters. The aforementioned Subaltern (see last month's instalment) and C.Q.M.S. have now been reinforced in the shape of a full-blown C.S.M. (1st Drill), 13 stone in his socks. Now the said C.S.M. must needs write. The green baize is placed on the table and all proceeds merrily until later (2nd Drill). The cloth has been removed. Enter C.S.M., followed by Subaltern and C.Q.M.S. Various quotations in broken German emanate from C.S.M.

" Perhaps someone in the Serjeants' Mess is responsible," ventures the Subaltern softly. This has its effect and various people are told precisely in what light they are held by the C.S.M., in addition to having their immediate future prognosticated. Result—the green baize is now a fixture and marked on the inventory of office stock.

6th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
May, 1928.

SINCE the last contribution the Moving Finger has been busy in the Battalion, and on the 29th March Colonel Rogers ceased to command us.

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We part with him with the utmost regret, and feel we shall miss the experience of a life-long Territorial whose services in war and at Home have done so much to help the unskilled citizens of 1914 and onward. Colonel Rogers is the last of our pre-War Officers, and with wishes for all happiness in the future, is combined a hope that we shall see him frequently amongst us.

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We welcome Lieut.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., to his Command, and whatever assistance he may require, we know, will be cheerfully forthcoming.

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Capt. G. F. Bell succeeds Major Wilkinson as Second-in-Command, and Mr. Graham takes over " A " Company in Capt. Bell's place.

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The most serious change is, perhaps, in the personnel of the contributor to *St. George's Gazette*, and the loss of a delicate touch obtained from a duty ably delegated may explain these haltings and belated paragraphs.

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The Drill Hall is now a nightly scene of much activity, and Company Commanders are in full song, although the atmosphere of the altered place leaves a deal to be desired from a ventilation point of view; mercifully, however, the cold weather has made the evenings endurable.

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St. George's Day was honoured with all solemnity and with even more persistency than usual. A Dance for Corporals, Fusiliers and their ladies was held on Saturday, the 21st April, over 700 being present. Our thanks are greatly due for a very successful evening to our Quartermaster and our R.S.M., in addition to many W.O.'s and Serjeants, who always work hard and help a very important function. We were glad to welcome, not only our Commanding Officer, but also Mrs. Wilkinson to their first public function in the Battalion.

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On Sunday, the 22nd April, the Battalion (365 strong) marched to the Cathedral, and (for the first time probably on record) took with them their Colours—the Colour Party was composed of Lieuts. G. L. France and R. Potter, with C.S.M. Weddle, C.Q.M.S. Chisholm, and Serjt. Johnson. The Lord Mayor and the Sheriff, with the Chief Constable and Councillors, were present at the service, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. R. C. Hall, the Vicar of St. Luke's, who as a fighting soldier earned the M.C. and 2 Bars.

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Wreaths were placed upon the Battalion Memorial on the way to the Cathedral, and on the return the Battalion marched past the Lord Mayor, and thence to the City's War Memorial in Eldon Square, where wreaths were placed by the Commanding Officer on behalf of the Battalion, and by Lieut.-Col. J.

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Stephenson, commanding our 1st Cadet Battalion. We were glad to be accompanied by a good turn-out of ex-Servicemen,

COLOUR PARTY, ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1928.

under ex-Drum-Major Orange, and by the 1st (Cadet) Brigade of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

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A word of special appreciation is due to the Chief Constable, who informed us we could have the City for that day. He certainly gave us Eldon Square, from which the public were excluded, thus making our small ceremony of homage to the memory of fallen citizens both easy and impressive.

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The police arrangements were splendidly carried out in spite of the huge crowds, and one could not help feeling convinced that the interest displayed by the citizens of Newcastle in their Territorial Battalion showed that appreciation for a spirit of service is by no means dead.

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The Officers were honoured with the presence of many guests at luncheon after the Battalion's return, and were glad to welcome there the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress (Miss Easten), the Sheriff and Miss Stephenson, the Town Clerk and Mrs. Oliver, and the Constable of the City, Chief Constable F. J. Crawley.

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We live in sincere hope that our Commanding Officer's appeal for the employment of our Band by the Civic Authorities will be granted. We honestly feel that we have been somewhat neglected in the daily ministration. Our Band is probably the best Military Band in the District, and we are desirous of seeing its performance fully appreciated.

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On Monday, after the usual St. George's Dinner, the W.O.'s and Serjeants had kindly invited all Officers and their ladies to the Annual Serjeants' Ball. Our Divisional Commander, Lieut.-General Sir George Cory, was one of the Officers' guests, and accompanied them to the Ball. We desire to express once more our thanks to all the W.O.'s and Serjeants for the welcome they extended to us all, and our admiration for the excellent organisation that made the evening a real success.

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The Fusilier Aid Dance was held on the 25th April, and kept the Fusiliers spirit alive for a further stretch. Elsewhere will be found a reference to this highly successful affair. Territorial Officers in this depressed Industrial area have many little Aid Societies of their own, both in their own homes and in other people's, but we gladly help the Aid Society to the best of our power. We hope the effort of the promoters will be well rewarded, and that much may be obtained for such a deserving object.

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Recruits are coming in well, though we have still some room for suitable applicants. Marske Camp should be both interesting from a training point of view and thoroughly good for recreation. There are still a fair number in the Battalion who remember our old 3rd line Camp there in 1916, under Colonel Kayll, and the kind interest and consideration the part-worn Officers and Men from France received from him there during that summer. Our present P.M.C. was his Adjutant, and it must have been there that he first acquired the art of side-tracking pay towards Mess Bills, on the principle that a mild rebuke is better than an arduous duty.

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Our Sports this year will be held at Byker, probably on the 14th July, but the date will be decided upon next week. The preliminary heats will, as usual, be run off the second week in camp.

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The N.C.O.'s of "C" and "D" Companies were at Hartley West Farm for the night of 12th May, and carried out a scheme on the Sunday morning. The Company Commanders concerned deserve all praise for a carefully-thought-out scheme, with all the appendages of Routine Orders and Diet Sheets. We hope the higher command enjoyed seeing the exercise as

LAYING A WREATH ON THE WAR MEMORIAL.
ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1928.

much as these distinguished Captains did preparing it—"like schoolboys planning their first bicycle tour" was the comment

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of a serious subaltern. Our grateful thanks are due to Mr. Gillespie, who farms there, and who, as usual, gave the Companies every facility for training and accommodation, even helping out—or down—the rice and prunes with a good supply of milk.

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"A" and "B" Companies have a similar week-end in view at Blagdon Park, where Lord Ridley is most kindly placing a Pavilion and his Park at their disposal. H.Q. and the Recruits hope to occupy their old quarters at Gosforth Park on or about the 10th June, if the rear of the column can be clear of the hotel before the Races start.

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On the 16th instant, the Battalion, with Colours and Band, at the strength of about 300, did a recruiting march through parts of Newcastle hitherto unexplored by the Unit. The result was a great success, the Second-in-Command returning with his spurs festooned with captives. Over 40 recruits were secured either on that day or on the next. The recruits who had already joined marched with the Battalion, and made a very good show, which promises well for camp training.

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On the 26th April, the date of the anniversary of the battle of St. Julien, when the Northumbrian Brigade first went into action, a Re-union Dinner was held at the Drill Hall, under the chairmanship of Major J. L. Lovibond, T.D., who was Second-in-Command of the Battalion that day thirteen years ago.

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There was a large attendance of over 100, including the following Officers, who took part in the Action :—Lieut.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C. ; Lieut.-Col. F. R. I. Athil, C.M.G. (who was then Adjutant of the Battalion) ; Lieut.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C. (Commanding Officer of the 5th Battalion) ; Lieut.-Col. E. Temperley, D.S.O., T.D. ; Capt. F. C. Clayton, M.C. ; Capt. H. A. Ryott, Capt. R. W. Nicholson, Capt. A. B. Thompson.

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There were also present :—Lieut.-Col. E. W. R. Pinkney, D.S.O., T.D., D.L. (who was present at St. Julien with the Northumbrian Divisional Train, A.S.C.) ; Major G. F. Bell (Second-in-Command of the Battalion) and Capt. T. Bennett (Adjutant).

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Apologies for absence were received from :—Lieut.-Col. G. R. B. Spain, C.M.G., T.D. ; Lieut.-Col. the Rev. T. E. Crawhall, D.S.O. (late Senior Chaplain to the Northumbrian Division) ; and Major F. Burnand, O.B.E.

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This was the fourth occasion on which this Dinner has been held, and it was interesting to hear Major Lovibond's speech, which included extracts from the Official History of the War, detailing the Action of the Northumbrian Infantry Brigade at the second Battle of Ypres, and it would be still more interesting for some to know that the Brigade lost 42 Officers and 1,912 Other Ranks, including Brig.-General J. F. Riddell, who was killed the first afternoon.

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Those who attend these Dinners are under a special debt of gratitude to Drum-Major Snowdon for the trouble he takes over them, and to Mrs. Snowdon for the great interest she always shows and the help she ungrudgingly gives.

We still hope for a larger number on future occasions, but perhaps next year if the promised trade revival is with us a better turn-out may be hoped for.

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Capt. F. C. Clayton has returned to the Battalion, and we are more than pleased to see him back again amongst us.

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Soon we hope to have with us, in time for camp, our new Subalterns, Messrs. W. H. S. Stephenson, K. L. Potter and S. G. March, from their respective O.T.C.'s at Wellington, Uppingham and Sedbergh. We welcome them, and expect much from them for they all come with the best of reputations.

BOXING NOTES.

Our sixth Annual Tournament with the Tyne Division of the R.V.N.R. took place on H.M.S. *Helicon*, on the 3rd March. We came nearer this year to success, being beaten by the sailors by 6 fights to 4. This event is always exceedingly popular in both Units, and the fighting throughout was clean and hearty. We hope to do even better next year, when we shall welcome the R.V.N.R. to our new Drill Hall.

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The results were as follows :—

O.S. Ashworth beat Fus. Lonergan.
O.S. Branch beat Fus. Nugent.
A.B. Smith beat Fus. Hartley.
Fus. Gordon beat A.B. Grayley.
Cpl. Weddle beat O.S. Clark.
O.S. Jones beat Fus. Mulligan.
O.S. Hoy beat Sjt. Welsh.
O.Tel. Salkeld beat Cpl. Hoggins.
Fus. Richardson beat O.S. Burgess.
Lce.-Cpl. Hugh beat A.B. King.

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The result of our Darlington successes was the appearance in London, at the Stadium Club, of four of our representatives on the Divisional Team, and in addition Capt. D. D. Rutherford, M.C., was entered in the Officers' Competitions.

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Our men put up good shows all through, although Fus. Gullon's early exit was a great disappointment. We congratulate Capt. Rutherford on winning the Officers' Welter-Weight Championship of the Territorial Army. The Division had a great many supporters present, although we were only placed 5th out of the 14 Divisions competing.

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The results were as follows :—

Fus. Gullon was beaten in the First Series Flyweight.
Fus. Mulligan was beaten in the Final of the Featherweight, and was awarded the Best Loser's Prize in addition to getting the Runner-up Medal.
Fus. Bell was beaten in the Second Series of the Welter-weight.
Fus. Johnson was beaten in the Semi-Final of the Heavy-weight.

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On the 24th March we sent a team to meet the 9th D.L.I., at their Drill Hall, at Gateshead. This Battalion has only recently taken up this serious pastime to any extent, and we were pleased to find they could put up so many competitors.

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Altogether there were 13 fights, of which we won 11, but all through the contests were keen and the enthusiasm great, and we feel sure that our neighbours will soon be much more dangerous rivals.

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The results were as follows :—

Fus. Gullon beat Pte. W. L. Lowe.
Fus. Nugent beat Pte. Tate.
Fus. Kay beat Pte. Barrett.
Dmr. Pease beat Pte. Rowlands.
Cpl. Hoggins lost to Pte. J. McEvily.
Fus. A. Bell beat Pte. Swindon.
Dmr. Dinsdale beat Pte. E. F. Lowe.
Fus. Mulligan beat Pte. Clasper.
Fus. J. W. Bell beat Pte. Briggs.
Fus. Campbell lost to Pte. Saul.
Fus. Richardson beat Lce.-Cpl. Foster.
Fus. Higgins beat Cpl. Wilson.
Sjt. Welsh beat Pte. O. McEvily.

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An Inter-Company Boxing Contest was held on the 5th May, between " B " and " C " Companies. This was the first of its kind, and we hope it will prove a forerunner of other shows of a like nature. Thanks are due to Capt. J. H. Maynard, from the Depôt, for refereeing on this occasion, and for much help in all our other Boxing tournaments. Mr. H. R. Mechan acted as one of the Judges, and to him, too, we are much indebted for valuable help during the past years. His coaching and supervision of our competitors has produced good results, and it is largely due to him that we have now a Battalion keener on boxing than ever before. An exhibition contest followed, between Fus. Mulligan, of " C " Company (one of our London representatives), and Fus. Richardson, of H.Q. Wing.

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The proceedings closed with a blindfold contest between three members of " B " Company. This Company usually shows that it is capable of coping with situations even under heavy disadvantages, and the blindfold competitors provided a hearty demonstration of what they could do if let loose on another Company.

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The results were as follows :—

Fus. Hartley, " C " Company, beat Fus. Kay, " B " Company, on points.
Sjt. Welsh, " B " Company, drew with Fus. Hugh, " C " Company.
Fus. Patrick, " C " Company, beat Fus. Bell, " B " Compahy (retired hurt).
Fus. Lonergan, " B " Company, beat Fus. Nugent, " C " Company, on points.

Football Notes.

The Inter-Company Football League Table to date is as follows :—

Coy.	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Ag'st	Points
" A " ..	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
H.Q. ..	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
" B " ..	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
" D " ..	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
" C " ..	3	0	3	0	3	10	0

At the time of sending in these notes, news has been received of the death of Major J. L. Lovibond, T.D., which occurred on the 22nd May, at his home, Oakwood, Hexham.

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Time does not permit of a full account of Major Lovibond's military career, but most Northcountrymen and many others in the Regiment will remember him well as Second-in-Command of the 6th Battalion when the Northumbrian Infantry Brigade proceeded overseas in April, 1915. Major Lovibond was very seriously wounded on the 26th April of that year, and though he eventually recovered sufficiently to proceed to France again, and take command of a Prisoner of War Camp, his leg, in which he had been badly wounded, gave him great trouble and pain. This discomfort continued almost incessantly right up to the time of his death. Early last year, owing to severe attacks of phlebitis, his other leg was removed, and we all held great hopes for a recovery to a life of comparative ease. His health appeared to those he met, to have improved considerably, and his spirits were always of the best. Only on the 26th April this year he presided at our St. George's Dinner, and occupied the chair with all his old tact and cheerfulness.

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During the last week gastritis apparently affected a heart much weakened by thirteen years of anxiety and pain. The Battalion tenders its most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Lovibond and her family.

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We ourselves shall miss from our circle one whose cheerfulness and courage, in spite of great difficulties, will keep the memory of his character impressed upon our minds and make us look upon him as a pattern of how a soldier should endure.

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We are glad to learn, at the last minute, that R.S.M. J. O'Hara has been granted an extension of twelve months for service with our Battalion.

MAJOR G. E. WILKINSON.

Major G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., who for some years has been Second-in-Command of the 6th (Newcastle) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers (T.A.), on 29th March assumed the duties of Commanding Officer, in succession to Lieut.-Colonel A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., and his appointment will afford widespread satisfaction. Taking his commission in the Battalion in September, 1914, he went to France with the Northumbrian Division in April, 1915. In the following month he was appointed Machine Gun Officer of the 149th Infantry Brigade, with the rank of Captain, and nine months later was appointed to command the Company. Promoted to Major in July, 1916, he took over the command of the 6th Durham Light Infantry, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, in September of the same year. A month later he was wounded at Flers, and in February, 1917, he was appointed Chief Instructor of the Tank Corps Officer Cadet Battalion.

In January, 1918, Major Wilkinson was appointed Chief Instructor of the Machine Gun Corps at Belton Park, Grantham, and three months later was appointed Major-in-Charge of Administration. He was afterwards Second-in-Command of the 200th Machine Gun Battalion, with which he again proceeded to France in August, 1918, and served overseas with that Unit until demobilisation. Since the war he has served as Major with the Battalion which he is now to command. Major Wilkinson is senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Wilkinson

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and Marshall, solicitors, of Moseley Street, Newcastle, among his public appointments being Clerk to the Castle Ward Rural District Council and to the Northumberland Sea Fisheries Committee.

It is as a sportsman that Major Wilkinson is perhaps best known in the county. A former captain of Northumberland County Cricket Club, he was a noted wicket-keeper, while he could also render useful service as a batsman. Although still associated with the Club—he was re-elected a member of the Committee this season—he now plays only in occasional matches. He is a Free Forester and a member of Oxford University Authentics, two Clubs which include players of national repute, as well as Hon. Secretary of the Borderers' Club, which draws its membership from the northern counties. Major Wilkinson is a keen follower of hounds, and in 1925 and 1927 had the distinction of winning the Heavy-Weights' Race at the Morpeth Point-to-Point Steeplechase Meeting. As a footballer he has also been successful. Learning the game at Shrewsbury, he gained his " Blue " at Oxford, subsequently becoming captain of the University XI., and has also played for the Corinthian Club, of which he is a life member. Major Wilkinson is a member of the Newcastle Squash Racquets Club.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

DRILL HALL,
ALNWICK,
24th May, 1928.

TRAINING of every description—Drills, Musketry, etc.—is proceeding apace throughout the Battalion area, and we are looking forward to a very successful Camp at Marske, from 24th June to 8th July.

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Company Commanders are going to have an opportunity of reconnoitring the area during the week-end preceding Camp, when all details of Company schemes, and so on, will be definitely fixed, thus saving working time in Camp.

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Our Sunday drills are proving a great success, and we have had some really excellent parades.

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Notably " A " and " B " Companies' joint parade at Rothley, on 13th May.

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On this occasion, Major P. Eustace Smith, Commanding the Morpeth Squadron of the North'd. Hussars (and who shares our Drill Hall there with us) very generously provided a pint of beer and sandwiches to all men on parade—a kindness which was highly appreciated by all—and also asked the Officers to lunch.

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The Annual Battalion Dinner for Officers, held at the White Swan Hotel, Alnwick, was a great success, there being 32 present. We were very pleased to see so many ex-Officers of the Battalion, and hope to see even more next year.

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The guests were Brig.-Gen. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., and Col. W. St. A. Warde Aldem, D.S.O.—the old and new Brigade Commanders; Major Chenevix Trench, Capt. Napier, and Mr. Holdsworth Hunt.

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A very enjoyable evening was spent,

Opening of the New Drill Hall at Morpeth.

The new Drill Hall for " A " Company, at Morpeth, was formally opened by the Brigade Commander, Col. W. St. A. Warde Aldem, D.S.O., on Saturday, 12th May, 1928, and that Company is to be congratulated upon having such a well-equipped and modern home.

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The opening ceremony saw a truly representative gathering assembled in the new building. Amongst the past and present members of the Unit were recruits signed-on the day before, along with one old Fusilier who joined in 1860.

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This old Fusilier, who attended as the guest of Capt. E. H. Watson, the Company Commander, was Mr. John Whinan.

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Amongst past Officers present were Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., D.L., J.P.; Col. J. J. Gillespie, T.D.; Col. G. Reavell, O.B.E., T.D.; and Major H. R. Smail, T.D. There were also a number of serving members, including Lieut.-Col. The Hon. H. B. Robson, Major F. B. Cowan, M.C., Capt. W. H. Dargie, M.C., Capt. W. Potts, Mr. Grey, and a large number of all ranks and their friends; together with Major P. Eustace Smith, Commanding the local detachment of the Northumberland Hussars.

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Col. Warde Aldem, performing the opening ceremony, expressed his personal gratification that " A " Company should share the Drill Hall with the Yeomanry, because he believed the liaison of the Infantry and Cavalry.

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Alluding to the facilities for recreation, the Commandant said " one of the things we are strong upon in the Regular Army is that the Regiment is our home, and I think the same thing should apply to the Territorial Army. We want to make our drill halls homely. When fellows come to drill, and have time to spend, either before or after, they should be made to feel as much at home as possible."

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Another memorable occasion this month was the opening of the new Royal Tweed Bridge at Berwick by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, on 16th May, 1928.

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A Guard of Honour from " C " and " D " Companies, under Capt. A. J. K. Todd, was provided at the north end of the Bridge, and was inspected by H.R.H. prior to the opening ceremony. He spoke to several of the men, and informed Capt. Todd that it was a very smart Guard.

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The Battalion Band, under Bandmaster Moor, was also, present, and after marching the Guard of Honour to the Bridge, played popular music, which was broadcast by the B.B.C. during the interval awaiting the Prince's arrival.

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The C.O. and Adjutant were present, and after marching back to the Drill Hall, the C.O. congratulated all ranks on their excellent turn-out and bearing.

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Many of the men had only left the pits a few hours prior to being on parade, and he was satisfied that no Unit could have put up a better show.

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The troops were accommodated in the Drill Hall at Berwick over the night, 15th/16th May, and fed by the Depôt K.O.S.B., to whom we owe our best thanks for all their courtesies.

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All ranks are looking forward to the Northumberland Rifle Association meeting at Ponteland during the coming week-end, when we hope to retain the "Lambton" Cup, and lift several others in addition.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD.

May, 1928.

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Letters to the Editor.

419, STRAND, LONDON, W.C.
16*th May*, 1928.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

I am sending herewith a cutting from a recent issue of the *Kentish Express*, a leading county paper. May I suggest it is of considerable Regimental interest, as it records the association of a Fifth Fusilier of the past with another memorable exploit in the history of the British Army, the Charge of the Light Brigade, the fame of which still remains even though the Gallant Six Hundred have passed on their way.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. PEARCE,
Late Serjeant, 1st Bn. 5th Fusiliers.

"Fifty Years Ago.

"The remains of Mr. Moran, Bandmaster of the 2nd Battalion 5th Fusiliers, were interred in Fort Pitt Military Cemetery, Chatham, with full military honours. He was forty-five years of age. He served at Balaclava as General Scarlett's Orderly Bugler and sounded the "Charge" to the Light Brigade on that memorable occasion."

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

1st May, 1928.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The widow of a Staff-Serjeant who is in very poor circumstances has bound volumes of *St. George's Gazette* from 1889 to 1910—21 in all—which she wishes to dispose of. I shall be happy to receive offers for any or the whole of these from readers who would like to help the poor body in this way.

Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (LT.-COL.),
Secretary, North'd. Fusiliers' Aid Society.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

LONDON,

22nd May, 1928.

St. George's Day Celebrations.

THERE was a muster of some two hundred members of the Association, of all ranks, on the Horse Guards Parade, on Sunday, 22nd April, all wearing medals and decorations and red and white roses. And they fell in smartly at 11.15 a.m., to be inspected by Brig.-General B. T. Buckley, C.B., C.M.G., preparatory to moving off in column of route to the Cenotaph in Whitehall. The weather was fine, and a concourse of lady members, relatives and friends watched the column cross the parade and pass through the archway, headed by Brig.-General Buckley, the wreath-bearers, Mr. G. Remnant (ex-R.S.M.) and the Officer members. On arrival at the Cenotaph the press photographers were busy while the members grouped themselves to watch Brig.-General Buckley perform the annual ceremony of laying the wreath at the foot of the memorial; on the other side of which the members of the 17th Lancers' O.C.A. were assembled for a similar purpose. General Buckley spoke a few appropriate words after laying the wreath, and after standing for a few minutes bare-headed and in silence, the gathering of Old Fusiliers broke up, to re-assemble about twenty minutes later at the Headquarters of the Corps of Commissionaires, in the Strand, which had been kindly lent by the Commandant and the Committee as a rendezvous.

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On 24th April, the Association held its annual St. George's Day Dance at the Headquarters of the Westminster Dragoons Yeomanry, in Elverton Street, Westminster. Dancing began shortly after eight, and was continued until well after midnight, some 300 members and guests being present. The distribution of red and white roses was superintended by Mrs. M. Broad and Mrs. H. I. Morgan, and the occasion was notable for the attendance of a large number of Officers and their ladies and of quite a number of members who have just left the Colours from the 1st and 2nd Battalions, and who thus passed their first St. George's Day as civilians with the Old Comrades' Association. During the course of the evening, the President read out telegrams of congratulation and good wishes to the Association from His Majesty the King (in response to a loyal message which had been previously sent to him), the 1st Battalion, the Depôt, and from a number of Officers and supporters. The Company passed with acclaim a

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vote of thanks to H.M. Office of Works and the Metropolitan Police for the admirable arrangements made at Whitehall on the previous Sunday, and a photograph was taken of all present on the dance-floor. The hall was gay with bunting and the emblazoned battle honours, and the air kaleidoscopic with coloured paper streamers; while most of those present wore paper hats and caps, which made many well-known faces almost unrecognisable. An excellent and untiring Band kept the large number of dancers hard at it until the small hours, when the members and guests dispersed after what was voted to have been one of the most successful St. George's Day Balls ever organised by the Association.

C.P.H.

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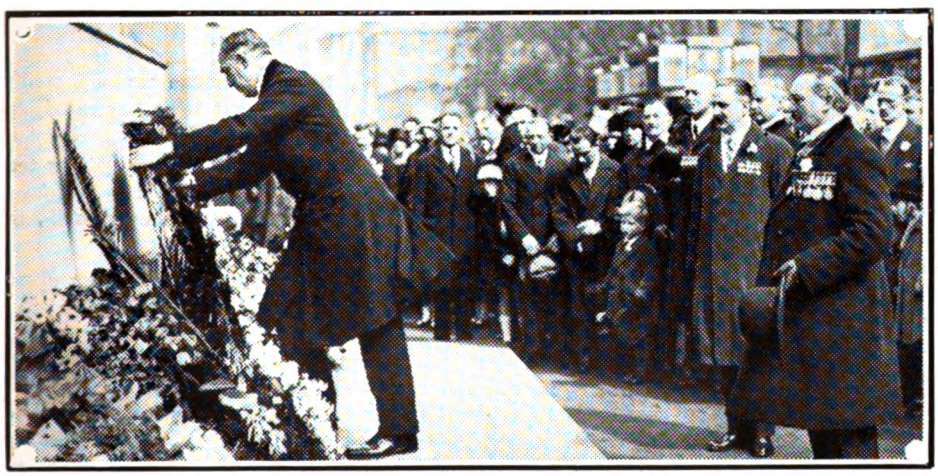
Employment Section.

The Committee wish to again bring to the notice of the members, that we have upwards of 30 names on the books of members who are seeking employment, many of who have been recently transferred to the Army Reserve, and can be highly recommended. Particulars can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary immediately on application.



AT THE CENOTAPH, ON SUNDAY, 22ND APRIL, 1928.

THE LAYING OF A WREATH ON BEHALF OF THE OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION, BY BRIGADIER-GENERAL BASIL T. BUCKLEY, C.B., C.M.G.

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General Meeting and Social Dance

will be held at Headquarters, on Wednesday, 4th July, 1928, at 7 p.m.

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Re-union Dinner.

The next Re-union Dinner will be held at the Royal Hotel, Southampton Row, W.C., on Saturday, 10th November, 1928. As accommodation for 300 has been guaranteed, it is hoped that members will book the date for this, which is hoped will be a record gathering of the FIFTH in London.

Last year 210 were present.

H. I. MORGAN,

Hon. Secretary.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' AID SOCIETY BALL.

THE Aid Society Ball was held this year, for the fifth consecutive year, in the old Assembly Rooms, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., accompanied by Lady Wilkinson, were kind enough to come North to receive the guests, and their presence was greatly appreciated by all who attended. The Ball seems to increase in popularity each year, and it is gratifying to note that as a result of the Ball a cheque for £269 19s. 6d. has been handed over to the Regimental Aid Society, which will help materially in assisting the many deserving cases of past members of the Regiment who are in need of assistance through unemployment being still rife on Tyneside. The grateful thanks of the Regiment, and all who will benefit by being assisted out of the funds, are due to the many people who bought tickets and gave donations, and a special vote of thanks to a very enthusiastic and hard-working Committee. Capt. Frank Clayton again acted as Hon. Treasurer, and to his whole-hearted enthusiasm and time given to the cause much of the credit of the success of the Ball is due. Again, also, we have to thank Mrs. Robert Stephenson and her band of lady helpers, who not only collected money for the decorations, but having done so arranged all the flowers and plants in such a beautiful way, which was greatly admired by all those present.

It is hoped that all members of the Committee will realise how much their efforts are appreciated by the Regiment; they certainly deserve our best thanks for all the trouble they took in attending committee meetings and the writing of numerous letters entailed in selling tickets and collecting donations.

Donations this year amounted to £125 2s. 6d.; 276 tickets were sold; and 238 guests were present at the Ball.

It is hoped that the Ball will go from strength to strength each year, and that more and more people will support the Ball in order to assist past members of their County Regiment.

Northumberland raised 52 Battalions in the Great War—more than any other Regiment in the British Army.

May the following lines not be forgotten :—

"When England sets her banner forth,
And bids her armour shine,
She'll not forget the famous North,
The lads of moor and Tyne.

"And when the loving cup's in hand,
And Honour leads the cry,
They know not old Northumberland
Who'll pass her memory by."

An extract from the *Newcastle Journal* is given below :—

"An armed guard, stalwart in scarlet and busbies, in charge

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of the Colours in the gallery, and uniformed drummers on guard in the reception-room, gave a vivid touch of military ceremonial to the fifth Annual Ball last night, in the Old Assembly Rooms, Newcastle, of the Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society—which relieves distress amongst the men, widows and orphans of the Regiment, both Regulars and Territorials.

"Roses, red and white, in the Regimental Colours also had a significance beyond mere beauty. They were used profusely in the decoration of the rooms, and worn in many buttonholes; and, besides, they formed the charming shower bouquet presented by one of the drummers to Lady Wilkinson, who, with Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, received the guests.

"The fine old rooms were at their very loveliest. Rarely can such a wealth of flowers have been used to decorate them. There were flowers everywhere.

"The reception room was all red and white—waxen white lilies, and carnations, tulips, roses, and geraniums in deepest crimson. The stairway, too, was embanked in crimson and white. The Falstaff Room had exotic hot-house plants of rare colours and rich perfumes.

"Then, beyond these, the Wedgwood Room, dainty in pale green and white, was made a perfect spring garden, with hundreds and hundreds of daffodil blooms banked up in the corners, massed against the walls, and filling numbers of bowls and vases. They seemed to light up the room with sunshine, and their fragrance was delightful.

"Mrs. Robert Stephenson (wife of Lieut.-Colonel R. Stephenson, C.B.E., D.S.O., of Benwell Lodge), with the assistance of a committee of ladies of Northumberland, had arranged the flowers, which were all gifts, and which will go to-day to the hospitals.

"The Officers' uniforms and the loveliness of women's gowns made a charming picture in this delightful frame.

"Two grand pianos gave a special interest to the dance music, which was provided by Conri Tait's Orchestra, Tait and his brother playing on the pianos. The catering was by Tilley and Co.

"The Ball was organised by an executive committee, of which the members were Mrs. Cruddas, Mrs. R. Stephenson, Mrs. Priestman, Capt. T. A. Herdman, Lady Leith, Mrs. Wilkinson, Capt. T. P. Parmeter, and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt (Depôt), with Major J. F. Chenevix Trench, D.S.O. (Depôt), the Hon. Secretary, and Capt. F. C. Clayton, M.C. (T.A.), the Hon. Treasurer.

"The guests included Major-General and Lady Wilkinson, Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O., Bt.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., Officers 5th Fusiliers (Depôt), Major J. F. Chenevix Trench, D.S.O. (O.C. Depôt), Lord and Lady Armstrong and party, Mrs. Francis Priestman and party, Sir Alex. and Lady Leith and party, Col. R. and Mrs. Stephenson and party, Colonel and Mrs. Cruddas and party, Colonel and Mrs. C. E. Wilkinson and party, Colonel and Mrs. W. Anderson and party, Colonel the Hon. H. B. Robson and party, Colonel G. S. Clayton, D.S.O., Colonel M. L. Parmeter, T.D., Capt. G. J. Bell and party, Major W. E. and Mrs. Stephenson and party, Mr. C. O. P. and Mrs. Gibson and party, Officers 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions T.A., Mr. R. M. and Mrs. Sutton and party, Lady Carter and party, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. C. Brims and party, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shaw, Mr. V. E. Berry and party, Sir Joseph and Lady Reed, Col. E. Temperley, D.S.O., T.D., Mr. Wilfrid Hall, Mr. and Mrs. G. France, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brims, Mr. T. Adams."

ASSOCIATION FOR ASSISTING SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

WAR OFFICE,

31st March, 1928.

A LIST of organisations for the assistance of serving and ex-Service Officers, men, women and their dependants, has been compiled by the War Office and published by His Majesty's Stationery Office (price 6d.). The Army organisations, which include Regimental Associations, Old Comrades' Associations, War Memorial Funds, and other charities, number approximately 250; and, in addition, there are some 40 organisations devoted to the interests of naval officers and men; nurses who have been employed in military hospitals; former members of the Women's Legion, and others. Requests for further information or enquiries should be addressed to the Under-Secretary of State (C. 1), The War Office, London, S.W. 1.

THE NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE INSTITUTES.

FROM the 1st May, 1928, discounts on the cash and credit accounts of individual customers were increased as follows:—

Cash Accounts—from ½d. in 6d. to ½d. in every 5d., or ten per cent.

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There will in future be a charge of 6d. for deliveries to individual customers residing over one mile from the Barracks or Lines for which the Corporation's Grocery Shop is provided.

It is proposed to offer Officers' and Serjeants' Messes special terms in view of the wholesale nature of their business. In the current month these Messes are receiving a discount of 2s. in the £.

GRAMOPHONE NOTES.

Lucia Sextet.

MARVELLOUS though the present Opera Season may be, with its galaxy of "Stars," we must not forget that there are many of the world's greatest Opera singers who have never sung at Convent Garden. This is brought home very forcibly by the new "His Master's Voice" record of the *Sextet* from *Lucia di Lammermoor* and of the Quartet from *Rigoletto*, for this record is made by singers of no superior in the world to-day, and with one exception none of them has ever sung in opera in England. The artistes are Galli-Curci, Gigli, Homer, de Luca, Pinza and Bada, of whom the first four also sing in the Quartet. The record is naturally one of exceptional interest, and as a piece of concerted singing it is really superb; the reproduction is on the same high level.

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A Sensational Record.

The latest "His Master's Voice" record by the Philadelphia

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Symphony Orchestra is remarkable. It consists of an orchestral transcription of the famous Bach *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor*. It is the reproduction of the huge and perfectly drilled orchestra which makes this record so astonishing: the brilliant orchestration is shown off to the fullest advantage; the effect of "spacious realism" is achieved unlike anything that has ever been done before.

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John McCormack and a Song.

John McCormack's latest contribution in the way of a record will be very welcome. He sings the evergreen "Irish" ballad, "Mother Machree," together with a ballad that he first made famous years ago—"I hear you calling me." He sings very beautifully, and the performance has a feeling of real sincerity about it that is far more moving than a whole tempest of affected sobs and sighs might ever be.

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Master Lough.

It would be absurd to contemplate writing an introduction to a record by Master Lough! Since his first sensational part in the famous record of Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer" this boy soprano has become one of the most popular singers who has ever made records. This record is his contribution toward the commemoration of the Hundredth anniversary of the death of Franz Schubert, a composer who was himself a singer of eternal youth.

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"Henry's made a Lady out of Lizzie."

The influence of the motor car on everyday matters is more considerable than we sometimes imagine. The introduction of a new model car by a certain gigantic concern was an almost universal topic recently: now there is even a song about it! The Happiness Boys sing it with a gusto and cheerfulness that does not belie their name.

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Dance Numbers.

The dance records issued by "His Master's Voice" can always be looked forward to with interest. On the present list we have Jack Hylton playing "Deep Sea," one of the numbers from the "Yellow Mask." Other contributors are Ted Weems and his Orchestra playing "Cobble-stones," on the reverse side being Nat Shilkret and his Orchestra playing "Where is my Meyer?" The Virginians give us "After my laughter came tears" and "Away down South in Heaven."

"HOLLANDIA."

A VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS.

From the Cow to the Can.

IN response to an invitation from the Directors of "Hollandia," a firm well known to readers through its announcements in the Regimental Journal, two representatives of the Association of Service Newspapers went over to Holland to see the Company's factories and the farms supplying them, and to witness for themselves the whole process, from the cow to the can, of producing the condensed unsweetened milk which is the most notable of the products for which the Anglo-Dutch Milk and Food Company is responsible.

Two factories were selected—the main works, Vlaardingen, which lies between the Hook of Holland and Rotterdam, and Purmerend, in the vicinity of Amsterdam; and two farms were visited, one containing the best cattle in the whole country and the other with a herd of average quality.

Apart from the pleasure of the trip and the memory of much kindly hospitality, our outstanding impression was of the immense care lavished upon the object of maintaining a high and uniform standard of quality, and especially of the pains taken to preserve absolute cleanliness during the whole process of treatment.

Dutch and Fresian cattle have been renowned since mediæval times, their excellence being largely due to the sweet, lush, sun-kissed meadows on which they graze. Their quality has been steadily maintained, the Fresian herds having been notably improved in recent years by crossing the stock with the Holstein strain. The average daily output per beast is the high amount of 10 quarts, and this for 365 days in the year—"the milky mothers of the herd" know no holidays!—and some idea of the magnitude of "Hollandia's" operations throughout the world may be gathered from the fact that the firm needs the total yearly milk yield of over 41,000 cows to cope with the public demand.

The Daily Ritual.

In a country so largely agricultural as Holland, there is, as may be conceived, strict Government inspection, but "Hollandia" reinforces this official safeguard through its special experts who go round advising the farmers on nutrition, hygiene, cleanliness and other matters affecting the well-being of their herds. Similar precautions to maintain the healthfulness and cleanliness of the product are taken at the works, the treatment of the milk there being an exacting ritual controlled at every stage by scientific tests and supervision. Each of the seven factories devoted to this particular product of the firm possesses its own technical staff and well-equipped laboratories. On receipt of the daily supplies, which are conveyed in churns by the Company's fleet of motor lorries or by water in its motor boats, a sample is taken from every consignment and carefully inspected for dust or dirt, T.B. or any other form of germ contamination. The churns meanwhile are immediately scalded and brushed, any danger of haphazard cleansing at the farm being thus eliminated. At no stage during its treatment is the milk handled in any way, even the tins are filled, lidded, soldered and sealed by machinery.

The Production of the Milk.

In the limited space at our disposal we must select only the salient features of production. The first process is that of cooling. Immediately the milk comes in, it is strained to remove any dust or foreign matter, and it is then poured over coolers, aerating the milk before it is pasteurised, the object of this being to destroy any foreign germs. The liquid food is then evaporated, being heated in vacuo whereby a considerable portion of its water is abstracted. Nothing else, however, is removed, and nothing, be it noted, is added. This reduction of liquid, however, naturally increases considerably the percentage of solid contents. The result is that the milk

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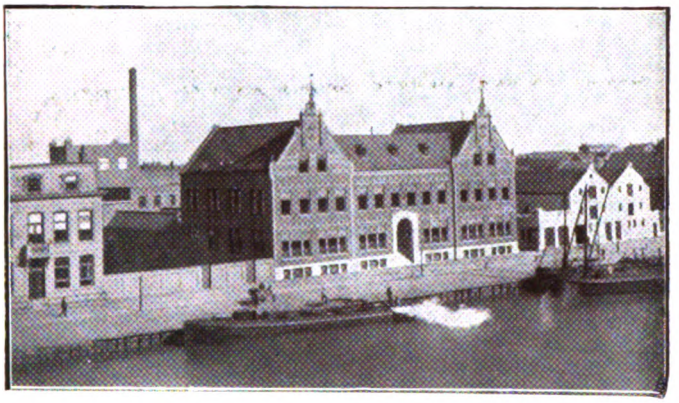
thus condensed contains nearly three times the proportions of butter-fat, of protein or body-building material, of sugar of



milk and of the invaluable mineral salts that are found in fresh cow's milk. The product is therefore much richer than ordinary milk. Its food value again is a great deal higher than that of cream, a much overrated item of dietary. Cream has an even smaller percentage of water, but its solids are almost entirely butter-fat. Other solids, so vitally important in fresh and in evaporated milk, are practically negligible in cream.

In the next stage the milk is homogenised. As every housewife knows, when milk is left standing the cream rises to the surface, so that all the richness goes into the first cups. By forcing the milk, under very high pressure, through a valve of agate stone or hardened steel, the globules of fat are broken up and incorporated with the other contents, so that the creaminess of the milk remains uniform to the last drop in the tin.

The tins are now filled and closed, still, as we have said, by machinery, and pass to the final stage where with their contents they are thoroughly sterilized, emerging brilliant and chemically clean. Any danger of germ infection is thus entirely eliminated, while the canning acts largely as a safeguard against the risks of domestic or human contamination, which eminent authorities now regard as responsible for many of the ills, both major and minor, of infancy and childhood. It may be noted here that the somewhat mawkish "cooked" flavour so often noticeable in sterilized tinned milk is, thanks to a special process at this stage, entirely absent.

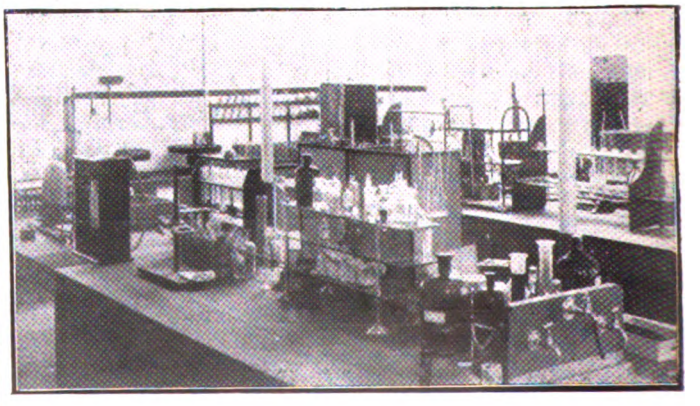
The product is now ready for consumption. It is clean, it is safe, and it is eminently rich in food value. As to this last point, we have seen that the condensed milk is a good deal richer than ordinary milk. The firm, however, does not contend that their concentrated product should replace fresh milk as a food-beverage—and rightly so. Some dilution is needed. Fresh milk, which means raw milk, is, if clean and of *good* quality—an all-important "if"—the ideal complete food for the young growing animal, and it always will be. It is good food for adults too. But there are many occasions when fresh milk of good and safe quality is not to be had. This is generally the case, as soldiers know, on active service, and those who campaigned in South Africa will remember what a boon tinned milk was; the same applies, too, very frequently to long voyages and distant expeditions; even at home in the industrial centres of large cities, where the worker has to turn out at an unearthly hour the morning fresh milk may not be obtainable, while often enough in the heart of the country itself one cannot get it just when it is needed. Here, as elsewhere, science has come to the rescue in its application to the production of a foodstuff which universal experience has shown to be fundamental to human life and growth. In all such cases this condensed unsweetened milk may be regarded as a valuable standby; it is, in fact, a useful food store in any household at any time.

But "Hollandia," again with justice, claims that its product is a convenient, economical, and highly nutritious substitute for cream for all purposes for which the latter is used, and that it can, on account of its rich uniform quality, replace either milk or cream in tea or coffee, in the making of puddings and sauces, with fresh or stewed fruits, and the like. Chemical analysis and the price list fully bear out the contention.

"Hollandia" on English Soil.

There is only one of "Hollandia's" factories on English soil, namely in Canada; and it may doubtless be a source of regret that none is located in this Country. Unhappily our industrial revolution, which worked such havoc in "England's green and pleasant land," makes this impossible, or at any rate very difficult at present, as there is no sufficiently large expanse of pasture land within convenient distance of the great centres of consumption, our big cities. When town-planning is tackled systematically and factories leave their present cramped and dingy surroundings for the pleasant environment of a garden city surrounded by an agricultural belt of sufficient size, we may hope that the firm may seize the opportunity to establish works here. Meanwhile the "Hollandia" industry, with its factories and adjacent pastures, is in closer proximity to our great industrial centres than any agricultural tract of sufficient size in England itself.

While this article has been devoted to the description of the process of turning out the unsweetened condensed full-cream product, it may be mentioned that "Hollandia" also produces an excellent sweetened condensed milk. But the popularity of the former kind has been steadily and with good reason



growing during the last quarter of a century, and it is on that the firm has long concentrated its main activities.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,

PRESTON CROWMARSH,

NEAR WALLINGFORD,

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following Colonel to be local Brigadier (in substitution for that of the local rank of Colonel Commandant) whilst holding his present appointment (dated 1st June):—A. C. Girdwood, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. F. C. Prickett, O.B.E., M.C., is restored to the Establishment (dated 10th June, 1928).

MEMORANDUM.

Lieut. (Temporary Captain) F. C. Prickett, Northumberland Fusiliers, relinquishes his temporary rank on ceasing to be employed with the Royal West African Frontier Force (dated 10th June, 1928).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The following to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 29th September, 1927):—2nd-Lieut. A. McMillan, late North'd. Fus.

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TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. C. D. Bennett relinquishes his command on account of ill-health (dated 30th June).

5th Bn.—Basil Gray to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 14th May).

6th Bn.—Capt. F. C. Clayton, M.C., from T.A. Reserve of Officers, to be Lieutenant with precedence as from 19th December, 1926, and relinquishes the rank of Captain (dated 30th June).

6th Bn.—W. H. S. Stephenson (late Cadet, Wellington Coll. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.), to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 30th May); S. G. March (late Cadet Under-Officer, Sedbergh School Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 9th June).

6th Bn.—Capt. G. F. Bell to be Major (dated 29th March, 1928); Lieut. C. S. Graham to be Captain (dated 29th March, 1928).

6th Bn.—K. O. Potter (late Cadet-Sjt., Uppingham School Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 8th June).

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,
June, 1928.

QUITE a lot has happened, and is still happening, since the last notes were written—a pot-pourri of weapon training, Company marches, concerts, cricket, sports, and rifle competitions. The ranges are at full blast morning, noon and night, and what with "partially exempt," men who haven't fired part something or other at the Depôt, anti-aircraft and revolver practices, machine gun practices, Lewis gun practices, and so on, it is very difficult to know how things stand—in fact, it is doubtful if anyone does know, with the exception of the Weapon Training Officer, and as he has gone on leave in the middle of the business, we rather doubt whether he knows either. Still, no doubt all will be cleared up in due course.

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"W" and "Y" Companies have finished their march. The administrative arrangements, which are the chief objects of these marches, worked very smoothly. The first night was enlivened by "Y" Company doing a night attack on "W" Company's bivouacs, the latter Company being reinforced with a machine gun section. One platoon of "Y" Company marched steadily in "fours" under close and heavy fire from two machine guns, two Lewis guns, and two rifle sections, straight to the middle of "W" Company's camp, and then began to march back again, when the battle stopped. A Lewis Gun Section of "W" Company was only just stopped in time from wiping out one of its own patrols. Like all such night operations, everything became somewhat confused when contact had been obtained, more especially as "blank" was not being used.

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Again, like such night operations, both sides won, which is as it should be, and prevents bickerings and endless arguments.

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The day following the night operations, both Companies marched to Ballynahinch, and camped in the grounds of Montalto Park, kindly lent by Lady Clanwilliam, who very kindly asked a number of Officers to dinner, the evening ending with bridge and other games. The next day, "Y" Company, with a section of machine guns, did a rearguard action back to Ballykinlar (about 17 miles), "W" Company acting as an enemy Advanced Guard. The Rearguard stood to fight, and a hot action ensued, and again both sides won. Taken all round, a most useful and enjoyable three days.

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Colonel Herbert, Capt. Buckley, Mr. Bolster and Mr. Enderby attended the Regimental Dinner, which seems to have been a great success. Next year a larger contingent from the Battalion should be present, if we do go to York.

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Colonel Herbert also attended a short Senior Officers' Course at the Small Arms School, Hythe.

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Mr. Hobbs has gone on a six weeks' P.T. Course at Aldershot, and Mr. Beckwith has gone on short leave, which we understand embraces Ascot and two weddings—we trust it won't lead to three of the latter!

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Companies have held their Inter-Platoon Sports this month, and the Inter-Company ones were held on the 18th/19th June. Results will be seen in next month's notes. Cricket results to date, and the doings of the Tug-of-war teams at Olympia will be seen elsewhere.

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The Battalion Individual Sports are being held on the 22nd/23rd June, and the N.I.D. Sports on the 5th/6th July.

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A really excellent Concert was given by the "St. George's Minstrels," on the 19th June. The theatre was crowded, and the audience highly appreciative. The following programme will give some inkling of the good things produced, and Capt. Lindsay is to be especially congratulated on the results. Such results cannot be brought about without great labour, and Capt. Lindsay has so laboured, well supported by the caste, all of whom have given up many hours; we thank them for an excellent show.

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PROGRAMME.

(1) Overture
(2) Children of the Regiment — Songs and Dances
(Under the direction of Miss Cox)
(3) Opening Chorus — "Walk Up" — The Company
(4) "Sing a Song of Sixpence" — Sjt. Moore, D.C.M.
(5) "The Three Chauffeurs" — Bd. Sjt. Chislett, Sjt. Moore, D.C.M., and Gilley
(6) Song — "Charmaine" — Mrs. Powell
(7) "O dear, what can the matter be" — Bd. Sjt. Chislett
(8) Violin Solo — Boy Thirkell

INTERVAL (five minutes.)

(9) Sketch — "Admiral Peters"
Mrs. Dalton — Mrs. Pemberton
Joe Styles (Old Naval Pensioner) — 2nd-Lieut. Laing
George Burton (Old Naval Pensioner) — Sjt. Moore, D.C.M.
(10) Song — "M' Yes" — Mrs. Powell, Capt. Lindsay, M.C.
(11) "The Death of a Bolshevik" — Capt. Gatehouse
(12) "The Cats" — Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Pemberton, Bd. Sjt. Chislett, Sjt. Moore, D.C.M., Fus. Gilley
(13) Song — "The Drage Way" — Sjt. Moore, D.C.M.
(14) "The Three Cleaners" — Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Pemberton, Fus. Gilley
(15) "Going Up" — The Company

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

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Major Garnier has returned to us after a tour of duty at the War Office, and has taken over "X" Company.

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The short period of fine weather has broken up, and it is once again "cold, windy, and some rain," which rather interferes with our range practices. The Band start off on tour this month, beginning with a trip to Clacton-on-Sea. In spite of the fact that two or three of the best players are *hors-de-combat* through various causes, we feel sure that the inhabitants and visitors of the various seaside resorts will appreciate the Band, and we hope it will lead to more engagements next year. Margate and Littlehampton are also being visited.

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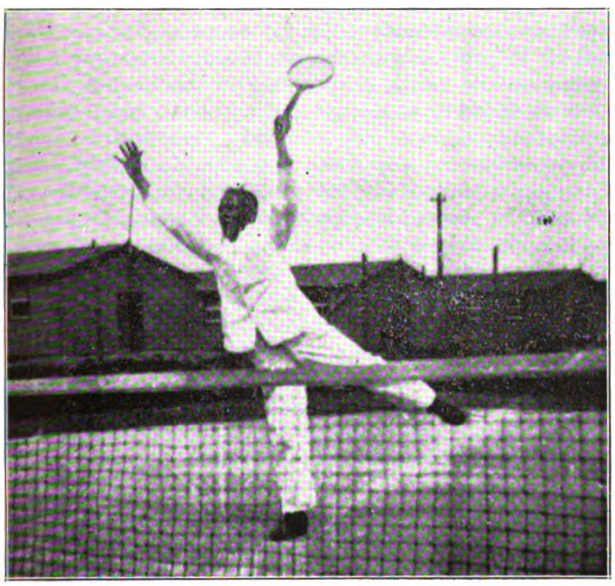
A certain amount of tennis is being played, and elsewhere will be found a photograph of Fus. Gilley giving an exhibition of how it should be played, but the writer has unfortunately been unable to discover on what date and on what occasion the exhibition was given; the photograph, however, appears



FUS. GILLEY GIVING AN EXHIBITION OF HOW TENNIS SHOULD BE PLAYED.

to have been taken towards eventide, judging only, of course, by the light, unless it was on a very dull day.

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A goodish number of fishermen set forth frequently with rod, tackle and net, and sometimes return elated and sometimes not, and sometimes we have fish for breakfast, but most times not; but we live in hope, as we believe in the old saying "Practice makes perfect."

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A friend of the writer of these notes has kindly sent him an extract from the report of a Conference held at Headquarters, Scilly Islands Command, which might interest all Officers in general, especially Officers going up for Staff College and Promotion Examinations.

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As is well known, the Scilly Islands Command is far advanced in modern war thought compared to other Commands, and is, in fact, generally considered to be at least fifty years ahead of its time. The following is the extract:—

"*Discussion I.*—Should the emergency iron ration be carried:—

(a) On the man.

(b) On every other man; each alternate man carrying two rations, the other man carrying two rifles.

(c) On one ass per platoon, troop, etc.; no man carrying a ration.

(d) On one mechanised vehicle per Company, Squadron, etc.; no man carrying a ration.

(e) On two six-wheeled lorries per Battalion, Regiment of Cavalry, etc.; no man carrying a ration.

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Lieut.-Gen. Maconachie (G.O.C.-in-C., Scilly Islands Command):—

"In opening this Conference, I should like to remind you of the old quotation: 'An Army marches on its stomach'; this, Gentlemen, remains as true to-day as on the day it was originally uttered, and as far as can be seen it is likely to remain so for some years to come. One might say that it is a principle of war, and it is only the application of that principle which required modification from time to time. The Quartermaster-General has submitted certain subjects for discussion, and desires the views of this Command on them, and I hope that this Conference will not only be of great value to all the Officers present, but will enable me to submit to the Quartermaster-General some sound suggestions regarding the matters for discussion. I will now ask Colonel Fours to give us his views on Discussion No. I. from the Infantry point of view."

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Colonel Fours (Infantry):—

"General Maconachie has reminded us of the old quotation: 'An Army marches on its stomach,' and I feel sure he won't mind if I go farther than that, and say that an Army not only marches on its stomach, but that in these days of modern weapons it also deploys, manœuvres and fights on its stomach, with the exception of that part of it which is carried in the bellies of mechanised vehicles, and even in this latter case the stomach plays a very prominent part. Now, we are here to-day to discuss, amongst other things, the problem of keeping these stomachs filled during an emergency, so that the Army can continue to march, deploy, manœuvre and fight. The present system of each man carrying his own emergency iron ration has, to my mind, become out of date. The modern soldier, educated as he is and loaded as he is with arms, ammunition, grenades, smoke candles, etc., has neither the strength nor the desire to carry food about on him. He is already too overweighted for mobile warfare, and at the first opportunity he throws away something, and this something is invariably his iron ration. He knows full well that he cannot kill the enemy with it; he knows full well that the weight of this ration decreases his fighting efficiency; he knows full well he may never eat it, so he throws it away.

"At Army Manœuvres last year it was estimated that 96 % of Infantrymen threw away these rations before the end of a single day's operations. I think we can safely say that this system is worn out.

"As regards (b), that is, every alternate man carrying two rations, the other man carrying two rifles, I can only say that I cannot visualise such a system working in practice. The weight each 'ration man' carries is certainly reduced, but the weight each 'rifle man' carries is considerably increased, and I cannot see at what point of operations the 'ration man' takes over his rifle and the 'rifle man' his ration. The whole system would lead to confusion.

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" As regards one ration carrying ass per platoon, troop, etc. : the ass is a vulnerable target, and if hit would immediately immobilise all the rations of the platoon, etc. It might be argued that such an eventuality would at the worst but automatically form a ration dump, but who is to do the carrying forward ? We must also remember that we are training for mobile warfare, in which stationary dumps are out of place.

" As regards (d) and (e), I consider that some such system of mechanisation of iron rations is necessary. I am at present undecided, but rather favour (e) if only for the reason that this system will reduce the numbers of mechanised vehicles per Battalion, and to my mind a Battalion is already overloaded in this respect."

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Colonel Stretcher (*R.A.M.C.*) :—

" If I might be allowed to give the point of view of the Royal Army Medical Corps, perhaps it would help Officers to come to some conclusion regarding the best method of carrying these rations ? "

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Lieut.-Gen. Maconachie : " Yes, please do."

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Colonel Stretcher (*R.A.M.C.*) :—

" Experiments lasting over some months have definitely proved that the perspiration produced by the average infantry soldier on the march penetrates through the clothing, pack, and haversack after a ten-mile march on an ordinary cool English autumn day, and that it penetrates into the present type of emergency iron ration after a fifteen-mile march on such a day. After a twenty-mile march the ration is not fit for human consumption. On a really hot day, of course, the ration becomes uneatable after a much shorter march. This could be remedied by some kind of perspiration-proof covering for the ration, but this would cost money and add extra weight.

" As regards (d) and (e), it has been also definitely proved at the R.A.M.C. experimental station that the carbon-monoxide fumes of a motor vehicle cause the present iron ration to perish within forty-eight hours.

" For these reasons I am in favour of the ass carrying method."

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Lieut.-Gen. Maconochie :—

" Thank you, Stretcher, your remarks have been most helpful and interesting, and seem to reduce the discussion to a purely tactical one as to the movement of the ration carrying ass before, during and after operations. Has anyone else got any ideas on the subject ? "

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Colonel Rider (*Mechanised Cavalry*) :—

" Yes, Sir, I have had a good deal of experience of asses, and I consider them totally unfitted for employment with mechanised cavalry, both from a point of view of their lack of mobility and their vulnerability. Unless my rations keep up with me I may never see them again."

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Colonel Plug (*R.A.S.C.*) :—

" I entirely agree with Colonel Rider."

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Colonel Loaf (*D.A.Q.M.G.*) :—

" I should like to point out to Colonel Stretcher that the experiments regarding the perspiring of Infantry have been carried out with Home Battalions during the first day or two of Army Manœuvres, when the amount of perspiration discharged is abnormal. I think one can safely say that after a week of active service the perspiration of an infantryman would be reduced to a minimum. As regards non-mechanised cavalry and artillery, there has never been much perspiration, except with the animals. The personnel of mechanised vehicles certainly perspire freely, but it quickly becomes mixed with oil, which, I understand, prevents to a large extent its penetrative powers. If, on the other hand, the carbon-monoxide fumes of this type of vehicle destroys the present iron ration within forty-eight hours, as Colonel Stretcher says, it seems to me that these cannot be carried in such vehicles."

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Lieut.-General Maconochie :—

" Well, Gentlemen, time is getting on, and we have two more subjects to discuss. We have had a most interesting discussion on this matter of the emergency iron rations, and I, for one, have learnt a considerable amount. As regards the ass carrying method, I don't think anyone mentioned what to my mind is a factor greatly to the disadvantage of this method ; that is, the crass stupidity of this species of animal, and it seems to me totally wrong to employ so stupid a beast with the modern educated soldier. Co-operation is the key to modern warfare, and co-operation can only be attained by the intelligence of the Army in general, whether it be man, animal or machine, and to invite the ass to co-operate with the man, the horse or the machine is but to forge weak links in the chain of co-operation and to invite disaster.

" It appears to me that the iron ration must move with the times and become not only mechanised but gas-proof, and I shall suggest to the Quartermaster-General that these rations be carried in two six-wheeled lorries per Battalion, Regiment of Cavalry, etc., and that they be suitably protected against gas, whether it be carbon-monoxide gas or any other kind."

A Visit to Ballykinlar.

(With apologies to Stephen Leacock.)

" What!" said the man from Belfast, looking up from his leeks, " do you mean to say that you have never seen the Camp of Ballykinlar ? "

" No," I said very firmly, " I have not."

" Nor the Mountains of Mourne ? "

" No."

" Nor Dundrum Bay ? "

" No."

" And the Slieve Donard Hotel ? "

" No."

" And old Mrs. O'Flagherty's famous bed ? "

" Her which ? " I said, with some interest.

" Her bed."

" All right," I said, " I'll go."

I knew, of course, I had to go. Every tourist in Belfast has to go and see the Camp of Ballykinlar, the Mountains of Mourne, etc., ; otherwise the superiority of the others becomes unbearable. With foreigners it is different, if they worry one about palaces and cathedrals and such—St. Peter's at Rome, the Palace of Versailles, the Cathedral at Cologne—I answer them in kind. I ask them if they have seen the Bastinado at Bala, the Resin at Rorke's Drift, the Pandemonium at Colney Hatch, and the Plinth at Paisley. That quietens them wonderfully. But, as I say, I had to go.

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As regards the journey to the Camp of Ballykinlar, suffice to say that the distance of thirty-three miles from Belfast is covered partly by a slow and rattling train, and partly by a fast and ricketty automobile through an undulating country which is both be-bogged and be-mired, but doubtless has its good points. Anyhow at last we arrive at the Camp of Ballykinlar. There, for the long hours of a summer afternoon, or the short hours of a winter's one, you may feast your eyes upon the wonderland of beauty that rose at the command of the War Office.

All that military munificence could effect has been lavished on the making of this Camp. So precious is it that it is nearly surrounded by barbed wire. Behind it, in the distance, loom the Mountains of Mourne. Close by it is the Bay of Dundrum. In the far distance can be seen the chimney of the laundry of the Slieve Donard Hotel, belching black smoke, presumably to increase the supply of the dirty linen of the hotel visitors.

The beauty of this Camp lies not in the wonderful avenues, the grounds and gardens, but in its blending with the scenes beyond. It is so planned that hardly a house of brick, or other unpleasant material, breaks the picture; in fact, about the only structure of brick is a circular edifice called "The Incinerator, or House of Refuse," which gently smokes all day, exhaling pleasant aromas after the manner of incense.

The War Office spent in all, they say, half a million pounds on the making of the place. When made it was partially filled with soldiery. It was meant to be, and remains, the last word of military grandeur.

Admission within its gates is itself a mark of military favour.

The whole of the buildings throughout are only of one storey, for the British War Office has a horror of camps with high buildings.

The Officers' quarters are situated on one side of a perfect parade ground, and are lavishly furnished in the "Barrack Warden" style of the early seventeenth century.

In the Officers' Mess are many valuable paintings of battles—real battles, where men are dead and dying, not the usual battle pictures which portray battles which appear to be quite harmless; not the sort of battle in which wild-looking men are swinging maces round, but you can see that they won't hit anybody; where a battle-axe is being brought down with terrific force, but somebody is thrusting up a steel shield just in time to meet it. In the usual sort of battle picture everybody seems to be getting along finely and to be having the most invigorating physical exercise. Here and there, perhaps, the artist may depict somebody jammed under a beam or lying under the feet of a horse; but if you look closely you will see that the beam isn't really pressing on him, and that the horse is not really stepping on his stomach. In fact, the man is perfectly comfortable, and is at the moment taking aim at somebody else with a two-string crossbow, which would have deadly effect if he wasn't ass enough to aim right in the middle of a cowhide shield.

You notice this quality more and more in the pictures as history moves on. After the invention of gunpowder, when the combatants didn't have to be locked together, the battle seems to get quite lost in the scenery. I know of nothing so drowsily comfortable as the pictures of the battles of the seventeenth century. There is a wide rolling landscape, with here and there little clusters of soldiers to add a touch of colour to the foliage of the woods; there are woolly little puffs of smoke rising in places to show that the artillery is at its dreamy work on a hill side; near the foreground is a small group of Generals standing about a tree and gazing through glasses at the dim purple of the background. There are sheep and cattle grazing in all the unused parts of the battlefield, the whole thing has a touch of quiet, rural feeling that goes right to the heart.

Anyhow, as I have said, the pictures in the Officers' Mess are not as these, they are real battle pictures.

On the other side of the parade ground is a fine veranded building called "The Orderly Room," in front of which soldiers jealously await their turn, daily at noon, to be present at the Commanding Officer's "levée," eager to have the supreme honour of being awarded one hundred and sixty-eight hours' detention, or some greater or lesser award in recognition of their actions.

But if the Officers' Mess is sumptious, it is as nothing compared to the Hall of Dinners, the showroom of the whole place. It is called the Hall of Dinners, but in reality it is five halls, each capable of seating one hundred and sixty persons with ease. They are lighted by many windows that reach almost to the lofty arches which form the ceilings. The floors are of elbow-greased wood, and the many table of greased wood are of the Early "Trestle" period.

Nearly the whole of the inner side of each hall is formed of priceless "Ordnance" ware, polished inverted pails, grids, ladles, etc., and "Woolworth" baskets of fabulous worth. So priceless and fabulous are these treasures that they are never used, and are cleaned and polished daily for many hours. Harassed Officers can be seen each morning inspecting these treasures, gazing into the polished buckets, gently examining the "Woolworth" baskets, and gingerly stepping over the floor of elbow-greased wood.

The walls are covered with old and costly prints, some to recall the victories of the Army, some to record the sweet rewards of victory. Wonderful, wonderful halls!

The Hall of Dinners, the Officers' quarters, the Orderly Room are, I say, the things best worth seeing at the Camp of Ballykinlar. Everyone says so. I really wish now that I had seen them. But I am free to confess that I am a poor sightseer at best. As soon as I get actually in reach of a thing it somehow dwindles in importance. I had a friend once, now a distinguished judge—of horses and port-wine—who suffered much in the same way. He travelled hundreds of miles to see the battlefields of France, but as soon as he arrived at a comfortable hotel in Paris he was unable to find the energy to go out to the battlefields. He went once to see the Thames, but failed to see the actual water, partly because it seemed no longer necessary, and partly because his room in the hotel faced the wrong way.

Personally, I plead to something of the same spirit. Just after you enter the main gates of the Camp of Ballykinlar, you pass a low building on the right, labelled "Hospital." It is a cool retreat of mingled ether and chloriform, as I know. There is brandy for urgent cases—or was.

Whether it was the hot day, or the journey, or a combination of both, I know not for certain, but just as I passed that low building I felt suddenly faint and staggering inside, sank limply on to the nearest chair, murmuring "brandy." I got it, and it took quite a lot of this nauseous medicine to pull me round.

The idea of leaving a grotto like that to go trapesing all over a hot and stuffy camp lined with sand, with a lot of soldiers bawling and drilling, seemed ridiculous.

I had *been* to the Camp of Ballykinlar, I had seen the Mountains of Mourne, and had caught a glimpse of Dundrum Bay and the chimney of the Slieve Donard Hotel—Mrs. O'Flagherty's famous bed could wait.

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But I bought a little red book in two volumes, called " Infantry Training," which interested me so extremely that I decided that, on some reasonable opportunity, I would go and visit the camp again, if not that camp, then some camp—with a hospital near the main gates.

" PORTE-MAISON."

SPORTS NOTES.

Tug-of-War.

Both teams got into the Army semi-final this year at Olympia, but have not yet achieved real success.

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The heavy team, who were unopposed in Ireland, went to London without any previous practice against other teams. They first met the 2nd Bn. The Queen's Royal Regiment, and won easily by 2 pulls to nil. In the next round, however, they were defeated in the same way by the 2nd Bn. Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, who were only beaten in the Inter-Services final by the Royal Marines.

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The light team met the 23rd Bn. The London Regiment in the first round, and won by 2 pulls to nil, after a long struggle, during which their opponents locked the rope in the first pull and tried to but failed in the second. In the next round they were beaten by the 2nd Light Brigade R.A., after being very near victory in each pull.

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Though we have not yet gone beyond the semi-final, we have done well enough to encourage us to try again next year.

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Teams :—

130 *Stone.*—Lieut. Bolster, 2nd-Lieut. Enderby, Lce.-Cpls. Stobbart, Attree, McHale, O'Hara, Thompson ; Fuslrs. Craig, Parker, Sherburn. *Coach*, Capt. Pemberton.

110 *Stone.*—Capt. Pemberton, Cpl. Naylor, Fuslrs. Parker, Sherburn, Hartley, Cornwall, Miller, Roach, Scaife, Bdsmn. Frost. *Coach*, Lieut. Bolster.

Cricket.

FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* THE WEST YORKSHIRE REGT.

The return match with the West Yorkshire Regiment was played at Comber, on 11th June. The Fifth, owing to the absence of Capt. Buckley and Mr. Enderby, fielded a much weakened side.

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Winning the toss, we made the usual appalling start, Mr. Sperling, Mr. Laing and Capt. Powell all being out with only 3 runs scored. However, Capt. Sutherland and Mr. Macmullen after a shaky start proceeded to retrieve the situation. Lunch was taken early owing to a heavy shower, and at this period the score stood at 65 for three wickets, Capt. Sutherland being 24 and Mr. Macmullen 34. The partnership continued after lunch as if there had been no interval, both batsmen scoring freely, Mr. Macmullen the faster. The separation came at 129, Mr. Macmullen being bowled by a long-hop which kept low. He had batted very well, scoring 79 out of 126 in about an hour and a half. He hit 14 fours, and gave no chances. Sjt. Purcell did not last long, but Capt. Sutherland scored very rapidly in a partnership with Lce.-Cpl. Pennock. In one over he hit a six and three fours in succession. He was out immediately after completing his century. Though he started rather shakily, giving a chance before he had scored, the latter part of his innings was brilliant. He batted for about two hours and a quarter, hitting 3 sixes and 12 fours. Six wickets were now down for 202, and the remainder of the side succeeded in getting themselves out for a further 19 runs. The only item of note being a gigantic 6 by Cpl. Obey.

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The West Yorkshire Regiment went in to get 223 runs in rather less than three hours. Sjt. Purcell and Cpl. Obey opened the bowling, the first five overs being maidens. Four runs were scored in the next five, and tea was taken when the score was 40 for no wickets, made in an hour and ten minutes. Soon after tea, Mr. Laing succeeded in bowling Mr. Barlow, with the score at 48 ; 35 runs were added for the second wicket in 40 minutes. A finish one way or another now seemed out of the question, but though another wicket fell quickly, Mr. Renny and Pte. Banham took the score rapidly to 145. The bowling by now had become distinctly loose, and with the fielding deteriorating as well we very nearly lost the match.

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As an instance, Mr. Renny, who scored 83, was missed four times ; however, time intervened, and we had to be content with the worst of the draw.

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Scores :—

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

2nd-Lieut. Laing, b Bloxam	1
2nd-Lieut. Sperling, c and b Turner	1
Lieut. Macmullen, b Gordon-Stewart	79
Capt. Powell, c Banham, b Turner	0
Capt. Sutherland, c Peberdy, b Barlow	104
Sjt. Purcell, c Barlow, b Banham	6
Lce.-Cpl. Pennock, not out	13
2nd-Lieut. Hobbs, b Barlow	0
Fus. Harrison, b Barlow	2
Cpl. Obey, c Turner, b Barlow	7
Cpl. Waterhouse, run out	0
Extras	9
Total	222

Bowling.—Bloxam, 1 for 45 ; Turner, 2 for 55 ; Delaney, 0 for 18 ; Banham, 1 for 31 ; Gordon-Stewart, 1 for 34 ; Barlow, 4 for 17 ; Peberdy, 0 for 13.

THE WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

Lieut. Barlow, b Laing	33
Sjt. Lister, b Pennock	25
Lieut. Renny, not out	83
Capt. Peberdy, b Laing	2
Pte. Banham, c Hobbs, b Macmullen	30
Sjt. Agar, c Macmullen, b Laing	2
Lieut. Gordon-Stewart, not out	9
Extras	13
Total (for five wickets)	197

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FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* DOWNPATRICK.

This match was played on 28th June, the first real cricket day of the year. Owing to overnight rain, the wicket was soft, and under the influence of a burning sun, drying rapidly. Mr. Macmullen lost the toss, and Downpatrick batted first, to the bowling of Sjt. Purcell and Cpl. Obey. After the first wicket had fallen quickly, Morrison and Bonfield hit very hard, to add 59 runs for the second wicket, Cpl. Obey bringing about a

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separation by holding a tremendous skier from a long-hop from Spanton. The third wicket fell at 90, but after that the side collapsed, and were all out for 120. Cpl. Waterhouse, who was keeping wicket instead of Mr. Enderby, performed very efficiently.

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The Fifth opened their innings with Mr. Sperling and Mr. Laing. The wicket was still playing rather queerly, the ball coming at all heights and paces. None of the batsmen were at all comfortable, and wickets fell with distressing frequency. Capt. Powell provided the usual bright interval, while Lce.-Cpl. Pennock and Sjt. Purcell batted long enough to make one regret the lack of proper net practice. For both, with coaching, should make runs. Downpatrick's score was passed with seven wickets down, and the tail went on to add another 30 runs, the innings closing for 157.

DOWNPATRICK.

C. Morrison, c Hobbs, b Spanton	40
R. Briggs, b Obey	2
S. Bonfield, c Obey, b Spanton	45
W. Gregory, c Purcell, b Laing	4
S. Harman, c Obey, b Hobbs	0
W. Williamson, c Sperling, b Laing	0
C. Norton, c Spanton, b Laing	7
T. H. Morrison, b Laing	9
J. Kennedy, hit wkt., b Pennock	11
D. Gilchrist, b Pennock	1
W. McClurg, not out	0
Extras	1
Total	120

Bowling.—Purcell, 0 for 32; Obey, 1 for 37; Spanton, 2 for 11; Hobbs, 1 for 11; Laing, 4 for 13; Pennock, 2 for 15.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

2nd-Lieut. Sperling, st Gilchrist, b Briggs	27
2nd-Lieut. Laing, b Norton	12
Lieut. Macmullen, c Harman, b Bonfield	17
Capt. Sutherland, b Bonfield	10
Capt. Powell, b Bonfield	19
Lce.-Sjt. Purcell, c McClurg, b Williamson	12
2nd-Lieut. Hobbs, b Williamson	1
Lce.-Cpl. Pennock, lbw, b Briggs	21
Cpl. Waterhouse, run out	5
Cpl. Obey, not out	7
Fus. Spanton, c Harman, b Williamson	5
Extras	21
Total	157

Bowling.—Morrison, 0 for 16; Norton, 1 for 31; Williamson, 3 for 33; Bonfield, 3 for 21; Briggs, 2 for 20; Morrison, 0 for 16.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Since our last notes two more of the Old Brigade have left and gone to pension.

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They are C.Q.M.S. Ludford and Sjt. Murphy.

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The former has been away at Hounslow, studying the art of "How to Caretake."

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Latest news from him informs us that he has successfully mastered the intricacies of how caretaking should be done, and is now installed in a comfortable berth.

This we are pleased to hear, and trust that this happy state of things may long continue to exist.

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Sjt. Murphy left us on the 8th June for a period of leave pending retirement.

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It is understood that he has good prospects of employment with the Prison Staff in Belfast. May he be successful.

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To both him and C.Q.M.S. Ludford we extend our best wishes and hope that we shall have the pleasure of meeting them again.

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These departures further reduce the playing strength of the "Rooty Wallahs," who if the present rate of dispersal is maintained will soon cease to exist as an effective unit.

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Truly an alarming state of affairs, but unavoidable until some of the young bloods qualify for this select band.

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Now, then, you youngsters . . . hurry up!

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Our Whist Drives continue as popular as ever, and the results to date are as follows:—

	LADIES.	GENTS.
26th May	1, Mrs. Capstaff	1, Sjt. Timbers
	2, Mrs. Byrnes	2, Sjt. Purcell
9th June	1, Mrs. Rowsell	1, Bandmaster Windram
	2, Mrs. West	2, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff
23rd ,,	1, Mrs. Sutton	1, R.S.M. Rowsell
	2, Mrs. Byrnes	2, Mrs. Sutton

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The "Flying" Handicap of 25 up has been completed, as the following results show:—

First Round.

C.Q.M.S. Irwin beat C.S.M. Scott.
Sjt. Denniss beat Sjt. Swain.
Sjt. Beatty beat Sjt. Holmes.

Byes.—R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, C.Q.M.S. Reaney, Sjt. Crawley, R.S.M. Rowsell, Sjt. Purcell, Sjt. Bellamy, Sjt. Duggan, C.S.M. Carlin, Sjt. West, Sjt. Hobbs, S/Sjt. Brown, Sjt. Moore, Sjt. Desmond.

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Second Round.

R.Q.M.S. Capstaff beat S/Sjt. Brown.
Sjt. Hobbs beat Sjt. Beatty.
Sjt. Moore beat Sjt. Desmond.
Sjt. Duggan beat C.Q.M.S. Reaney.
C.Q.M.S. Irwin beat Sjt. West.
C.S.M. Carlin beat Sjt. Crawley.
R.S.M. Rowsell beat Sjt. Bellamy.
Sjt. Denniss beat Sjt. Purcell.

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Third Round.

C.S.M. Carlin beat C.Q.M.S. Irwin.
Sjt. Denniss beat R.S.M. Rowsell.
Sjt. Duggan beat Sjt. Hobbs.
R.Q.M.S. Capstaff beat Sjt. Moore.

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Semi-Final.

Sjt. Duggan beat C.S.M. Carlin.
R.Q.M.S. Capstaff beat Sjt. Denniss.

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Final.

Sjt. Duggan beat R.Q.M.S. Capstaff.

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Congratulations to " Duggie " on this achievement.

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The " Summer " Handicap of 200 up is now in full swing, and details will be given in next month's notes.

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It is also hoped that the result of a very important match in the billiards world will be available for publication next month.

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A challenge was issued a few days ago and accepted. The principals in this affair are now in strict training, and probably ere these notes are in print play will have commenced.

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A polite notice issued by the Billiards Committee intimates that the table has been reserved for one week.

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This suggests that the distance may be long, or that the rate of progression slow.

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Which of these it is time alone will tell.

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By agreement between the players, the President of the Billiards Committee has been selected as the referee.

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We are hoping that very soon the Officers will accept our challenge to again try conclusions at billiards and snooker.

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Three of our members have proceeded to Bisley to try their luck.

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Through lack of news we are at present unable to record any of their doings.

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We wish them every success.

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Congratulations to Colour-Serjeant Bramley on his promotion.

" PACKY."

WIRELESS NOTES.

The glorious weather which has prevailed for the past month has thrown wireless in the background.

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With the exception of a few interested in racing, there are hardly any of the members who will spend their time listening to the programmes.

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The largest gathering was on the afternoon of 6th June when the classic race of the season—" The Derby," was broadcasted.

Many of the listeners on this occasion were disappointed when it was announced that *Felstead*, an outsider, had won. And when asked what they had to come from their speculations, the reply was " There ain't none."

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I must apologise for my experiment not having as yet been put to the test. Therefore, I cannot give the result as promised in the last issue.

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During the months in which there is very little to talk about on happenings in the Mess, I will endeavour to give an account of some of the " Home made Sets " constructed by some of the members. I will commence with the first this month.

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The set constructed is claimed by the inventor to have received signals from Mars.

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The few sketches accompanying will give an idea of the various stages of construction, as well as the finished article.

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The scene is in Centre Camp.

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Alas! these dreary evenings must be overcome—how can it be done? Ah! I've got it. I will construct a super-Radio

WHICH HE CAREFULLY WIRES TOGETHER MAKING A BATTERY AMOUNTING TO 200 VOLTS.

machine. How can I do this in as short a space of time as possible? A few moments' reflection, and he struck a brilliant idea. Next morning he called together his various attendants and held a conference; then they are detailed to their various jobs. One is observed later collecting a great number of electric cells, which he carefully wires together, making a battery amounting to something like 200 volts.

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SKETCH NO. 1.

Another is seen carrying from the Q.M. Stores a load of biscuit tins, which, by the aid of a hammer, is made into a solid mass. This forms his base board.

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The remaining important components, which cannot be home-made, are contained from a firm in Belfast by express delivery, and by 7 p.m. that evening all are assembled and a trial of the circuit then takes place during which can be seen sparks of various colours emitting from the windows, chimney and keyholes of his room.

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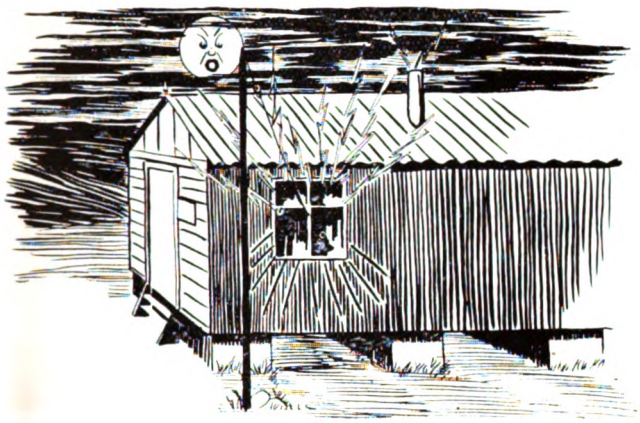
SKETCH NO. 2.

After much alteration and the expense of a valve, the set is



again ready for further trials, and this time apparently the results are satisfactory.

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The next task is to put up a substantial aerial. A ladder is not available, but he will not allow such obstacles to stop his progress. The poles are got ready, and there is a general hustle in the various rooms surrounding his abode, and in a few moments a huge pile of boxes are seen outside the hut with many spectators who are not in the secrets wondering what is going to happen. They are not, however, long waiting to see for themselves. The poles are put in position, and the inventor climbs to the top and makes the necessary adjustments which puts the aerial beyond the reach of mischievous hands who might try to mar his pleasure.

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All stages are now complete, and the inventor spends his spare time exploring the ether.

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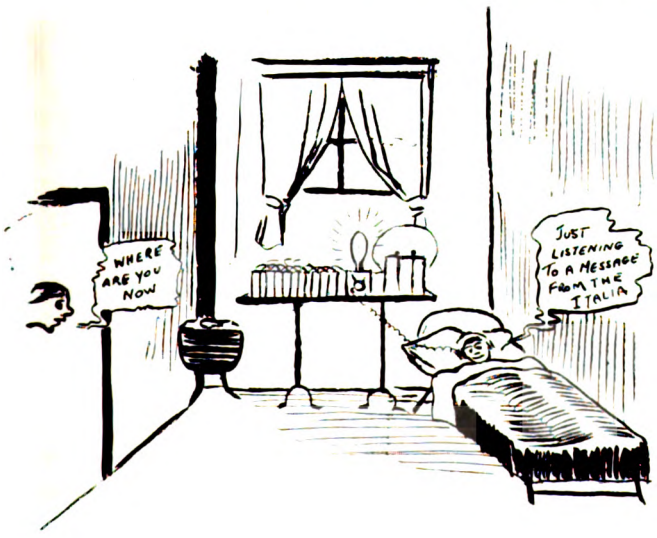

not authenticated by anyone—such places as Sydney, New York and Canada are bridged as if by magic.

The last sketch gives an idea of what visitors to his habitation now may see.

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SKETCH NO. 3.

Next month details of another interesting set will be given.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

Our remarks about the weather had a disastrous effect, for since our notes were published we have had almost constant rain, and we believe that some resourceful youths have made a raft to be ready in case we become flooded.

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Of course, we can consider ourselves fortunate in that we haven't a river which can overflow its banks, and so we sleep soundly at night whilst the " man in the moon " controls our bay.

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June is usually a month of numerous rumours, and of course the subject is the draft for India.

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We are divided into two parties—those who are going to India, and those who are going to York—no one dreams of staying an hour longer than is absolutely necessary at Ballykinlar.

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Yet when we have been in barracks a few months there will be many who will long for the dunes and rabbit-warrens.

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Our " noise box " refuses to function, and the loud-speaker is thirsty, so members have had to listen to Bill's melodious voice telling of his deeds of valour during the Stone Age.

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Then our dago showed us a few knife-throwing tricks, but one or two miscarried, so that is taboo.

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Not to be beaten, the " Rummy King " gave free pints to those who would gasp once, and " Curley " lost.

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And our " big, strong man " walked around the billiard table three times with his eye on the red, and then hit it with the cue-ball.

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Amidst all this a " Flying Tournament " was held, and many hard games were fought and lost.

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George got stripped and turned up in Company colours, with trainer and towels complete, and the " STOCKY " youth was lavish in his use of the towels.

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However, I believe he was overtrained, and this, coupled with his excessive zeal, dropped him to second place and allowed our " Jazz King " to romp home an easy winner.

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Six new cues have been purchased, and we are waiting for some member to propose that our walking sticks be given a decent burial.

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The results of the games are herewith appended :—

FLYING TOURNAMENT—31 up.

First Round.

Lce.-Cpl. G. Johnson	..	31	*v.*	Lce.-Cpl. Theakaton	.. 17
Cpl. Ross ..	..	31	*v.*	Cpl. Starback ..	.. 24
Lce.-Cpl. Clark ..	..	9	*v*	Cpl. Graham ..	.. 31
Lce.-Cpl. Usher	..	6	*v.*	Lce.-Cpl. Nicholson	.. 31
Lce.-Cpl. Humphreys	..	31	*v.*	Cpl. Higgins ..	.. 29
Cpl. Watson ..	..	26	*v.*	Lce.-Cpl. Frazer	.. 31
Cpl. Babington ..	..	29	*v.*	Lce.-Cpl. Scanlan	.. 31
Lce.-Cpl. Canvin	..	31	*v.*	Lce.-Cpl. Pyle ..	.. 13
Lce.-Cpl. Perry ..	..	31	*v.*	Cpl. Woods ..	.. 14
Cpl. Jamison ..	..	29	*v.*	Lce.-Cpl. Stockton	.. 31
Lce.-Cpl. Shields	..	31	*v*	Lce.-Cpl. H. Johnson	18

Second Round.

Lce.-Cpl. Canvin	..	29	*v.*	Lce.-Cpl. Humphrey	.. 31
Lce.-Cpl. Perry ..	..	17	*v.*	Lce.-Cpl. Frazer	.. 31
Cpl. Ross ..	..	31	*v.*	Lce.-Cpl. Stockton	.. 25
Lce.-Cpl. Nicholson	..	23	*v.*	Lce.-Cpl. Shields	.. 31
Cpl. Graham ..	..	31	*v.*	Lce.-Cpl. Scanlan	.. 19
Lce.-Cpl. G. Johnson	bye				

Third Round.

Lce.-Cpl. Humphrey	..	14	*v.*	Cpl. Ross ..	.. 31
Lce.-Cpl. Shields	..	31	*v.*	Lce.-Cpl. Johnson	.. 12
Lce.-Cpl. Frazer	..	31	*v.*	Cpl. Graham ..	.. 15

Fourth Round.

Cpl. Ross ..	..	31	*v.*	Lce.-Cpl. Shields	.. 17
Lce.-Cpl. Frazer	.. bye				

Final.

Cpl. Ross ..	..	17	*v.*	Lce.-Cpl. Frazer	.. 31

Winner—Lce.-Cpl. Frazer.
Runner-up—Lce.-Cpl. Ross.

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On the Range a rather interesting conversation took place, and we furnish it here and leave the solution to the reader.

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For the benefit of readers, I might say that it refers to the exchange of a pair of puttees, but the question arises which is which ?

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1ST GEORDIE : " Hey! Hehyegotyernahwees puttees ? "
2ND GEORDIE : " Ehwasat ? "
1ST G. : " Hehyegotwatmacallies puttees ? "
2ND G. : " Watdeyersaye ? "
1ST G. : " Hehyegotwatmacallies, thingamabobs — him-thonder."
2ND G. : " Norr, wharforr ? "
1ST G. : " Watdeyesaye ? "
2ND G. : " Nowt."

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After the conversation, both moved away, apparently quite satisfied, and yet I cannot, as yet, find one word in my Chamber's Twentieth Century.

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If readers try pronunciation, the first Geordie is deep and guttural, and the second voice should sound like a cheap flute.

The Range can always furnish some titbit, and this month is no exception to the general rule, but we had to look to the M.G. Company on No. 3 Range before it was produced.

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FIRER : " Corporal, I cannot see any of my shots."
INSTRUCTOR : " Fire another burst."
The gun is fired, and no observation is secured.
INSTRUCTOR : " Head aside, let me look along your sights." He looks, and finds the gun aimed at Slieve Donard. " What is the third rule of aiming ? "
FIRER : " Get the tip of the ' aperthure ' in line and centre of the foresight, and aim at —— " But here the Instructor collapsed.

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We must apologise for the short notes this month, but the whole of our time has been occupied in attending sports meetings, and we therefore beg the indulgence of readers.

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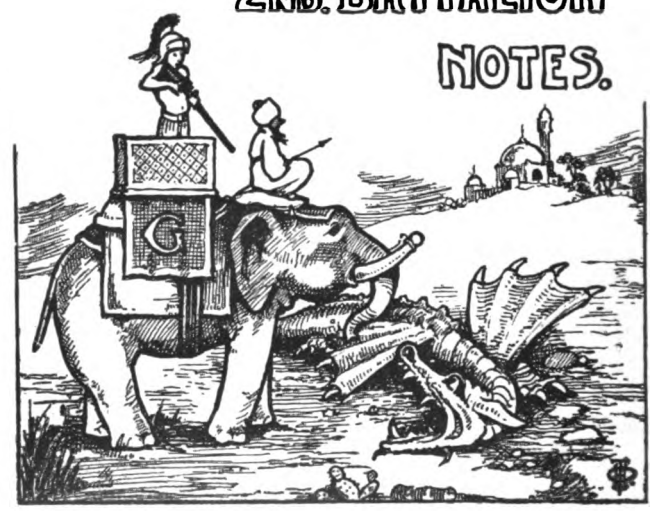
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



CHERAT,
May, 1928.

SINCE the last notes we have arrived in Cherat.

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The first march was done by night, the Transport moving by road and the marching party across country. It was very hot, and the dust was hanging in the air in abnormal quantities.

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On the second day, we had to climb up from Nowshera level to Cherat, and it seems that most people prefer the Ranikhet Road to this one. There is an amazing view from the top, on a clear day a good hundred miles of country south and east being visible.

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From those on leave in India we have not heard very much, but Mr. Earle got a bear, and apparently saw several others but was not able to get at them.

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Cherat, this year at any rate, seems to be the chief breeding ground for all manner of fierce insects. There are scorpions, centipedes (one just on 9½ inches long and ½ inch wide from " C " Company Store), and the big jerrimandla (?) spider, a

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savage fellow who goes for and usually kills all the other beasties. When two are put into a glass bowl there is always a fight, the victor ending the matter by eating his foe.

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S. Sandal, our contractor, has again fitted up the Gymnasium as a Cinema which helps to pass away a couple of hours two or three times a week.

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The Platoon Championship is over, and the Machine Gunners are the winners, while No. 10 Platoon are second. Congratulations to both.

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Overheard on the road in Cherat :—

A. : " What is that place over there ? "

B. : " Oh! that's the Garrison School, where the K.O.Y.L.I.'s hold their St. George's Ball in August."

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What about Minden Day in April ?

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We are sorry to announce the death of Nora Evans, and offer our sympathy to Sjt. and Mrs. Evans.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

Here we are, in Cherat again—at least some of us are, " C," " D " and H.Q. Companies, and a few spare files from " A " and " B " Companies on Cadre Platoon.

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It's the same old Cherat as last year ; we do the same old parades and enjoy the same old entertainments, such as a football or hockey match, and there is the local Cinema, where one can go and have a couple of hours' sleep in return for a rupee.

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We don't pretend to know what " Lotharios " are, but a certain lady was heard to remark that we have an abundance of these sportsmen in our Mess.

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Our gramophone, which cost us something like £20, and has cost us somewhere about that figure since for repairs, seems to be a Class " A " invalid in that it is nearly always in dock.

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We think that the Clerk Sahib, at present on furlough in Blighty, sold us a pup when he introduced the thing into the Mess. However, we may be able to insure it against permanent disability.

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There seems to be a general exodus of the Battalion into the wilds of the Murree Hills and such places, which only leaves a few hard-up chaps to carry on. We expect to see something like the following in orders shortly :—

No. 400000004 Cpl. Tramcar is appointed provisional unwanted unpaid acting Lieut.-Col. and will assume command forthwith.

No. 123456 Lce.-Cpl. Omnibus is appointed acting Captain and will take over the duties of S.S.O.

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Extract from a Mess Meeting at which the R.S.M. did not preside :—

Proposed by Blacking and seconded by Barthat —That a suitable sum be taken from the General Fund for the purchase of two mokes. One to carry the books of knowledge to and from the Regimental School as they are too heavy for a small chap ; and the other to assist in the evening walks of members who have some push in them.

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The shortage of notes must be excused because Cherat is so exciting that one could write volumes about what does not happen.

R.W.J.

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
June, 1928.

The " Carden " Shield.

AT the beginning of this month we received a very handsome carved wood Shield from Mrs. Carden, O.B.E., the wife of the late Major-General George Carden, who commanded the 2nd Bn. The Fifth Fusiliers from 5th October, 1872, to 31st October, 1877.

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The Shield is beautifully carved in oak, and is the work of the late Major-General Carden.

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This trophy has been hung in the Officers' Mess, and is to be competed for annually in a shooting match between the Officers and W.O.'s and Serjeants of the 5th Depôt. We take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Carden very much for her handsome gift to the Depôt, and we appreciate very much her kind thought in making this presentation.

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The Regimental Dinner.

The following Officers from the Depôt attended the Regimental Dinner, which was held this year in the Metropole Hotel, on 7th June :—Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, Captain J. H. Hogshaw, and Captain W. H. Braddell.

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Major Trench returned the same night in order to play for the Garrison against the Borderers, on 8th June. Capt. Braddell and Captain Hogshaw both proceeded on leave, the former for 10 days and the latter for a month.

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Musketry.

On 6th and 7th June, March Squad proceeded to Ponteland to fire their Recruits' Course. The shooting was, on the whole, good, and there were no failures. The average of the Squad was 65.4, which is just over 2 points better than the average for the last Squad, which was 62.92.

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Best shot of the Squad, Fus. Dalton, score 82.

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The Depôt Staff commenced their Musketry on 11th June, and continued on 12th and 13th, but have not been able to complete their classification as yet, owing to bad weather.

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The results so far are not quite so good as last year, but it must be borne in mind that the standard for the trained soldier has become more difficult than it was a year ago, owing to the fact that one practice value (20 points) has been deleted from Part III., whilst the qualifying standard has only been lowered by 5 points—*i.e.*, from 75 to 70.

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CRICKET NOTES.

On Saturday, 2nd June, the Depôt played the Depôt The Durham Light Infantry, on the Garrison Ground. The FIFTH, having won the toss, batted first, and were dismissed for the low score of 40, after a rather dull innings.

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The Durham Light Infantry retaliated by making 52, and so secured victory by a small margin.

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Result of the match :—

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Major Chenevix-Trench, b Golightly	3
Lieut. Pringle, lbw, b Golightly	10
Sjt. Fitzgerald, b Golightly	16
Fus. Jubb, b Golightly	0
Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, c and b Gordon	4
R.Q.M.S. Redhead, b Golightly	0
Fus. Hudson, b Golightly	0
Fus. Sanderson, b Gordon	0
Fus. Barnes, b Gordon	0
Fus. Dalton, b Golightly	0
Fus. Nicholson, not out	4
Extras	3
Total	40

THE DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.

Pte. Rigg, b Nicholson	18
Lce.-Cpl. Bailes, b Nicholson	12
Pte. Clarkson, b Nicholson	4
Cpl. Golightly, b Fitzgerald	8
Sjt. Gordon, b Fitzgerald	0
Sjt. Huxford, b Nicholson	0
Sjt. Hopper, b Fitzgerald	1
Pte. Quinn, b Fitzgerald	0
Lieut. Phillips, b Fitzgerald	0
Cpl. Lawson, c Barnes, b Nicholson	0
Pte. Bradley, not out	1
Extras	8
Total	52

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On 8th June, our annual fixture with the Borderers' XI. took place, on the County Ground at Jesmond. The writer can do no better than quote the account of the match given in the *Newcastle Journal*, which is as follows :—

"Hurricane Hitting at County Ground.

"BORDERERS *v.* THE GARRISON.

"Hurricane hitting is rather a common-place term as applied to cricket, but no other could be used in referring to the rate at which the opening pair, C. F. Stanger-Leathes and J. M. Briggs, scored for The Borderers against The Garrison at the County Ground yesterday. These two actually made 234 for the first wicket in 62 minutes! The Borderers' innings altogether realised 351 for eight wickets, the closure then being applied. The rate of scoring may be gauged from the following times :—

"100 in 32 minutes, 202 in 53 minutes, 250 in 70 minutes, 300 in 98 minutes, 351 in 119 minutes.

"MANY BOUNDARIES.

"Stanger-Leathes scored 76 runs in 62 minutes, hitting a six and ten 4's, while Briggs hit up 147 in 65 minutes, claiming eight 6's and 20 4's. Later, A. L. D. Skinner had two 6's and four 4's. Briggs reached 57 in half an hour, 108 in 51 minutes, and scored his last 39 in 14 minutes.

"Despite this heavy scoring, R. E. B. Mortimer had an analysis of 6 for 107. He had 82 scored from his bowling before he took a wicket, and therefore claimed his six for 25 runs.

"The Garrison were dismissed a first time for 64, Briggs and G. H. Watson bowling with great effect, and made 85 for 7 on going in again."

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Scores :—

BORDERERS.

C. F. Stanger-Leathes, c Norbury, b R. E. B. Mortimer	76
J. M. Briggs, b R. E. B. Mortimer	147
L. S. Dyer, b Gardner	11
L. J. Couves, c Gardner, b R. E. B. Mortimer	8
Hon. R. A. Liddell, b R. E. B. Mortimer	31
A. L. D. Skinner, c and b R. E. B. Mortimer	37
E. R. Joicey, b Gardner	17
A. O. Barber, not out	3
G. H. Watson, c and b R. E. B. Mortimer	5
G. E. Wilkinson, R. G. E. Mortimer } did not bat	
Extras	16
Total (for 8 wkts. dec.)	351

THE GARRISON.

	1st innings.	2nd innings.
Capt. V. A. C. Yates, b Briggs	0	did not bat
Lieut. H. G. Norbury, b Watson	2	
Major R. V. Turner, b Watson	10	
Lieut. P. Gardner, c Briggs, b Watson	2	not out 19
Lieut. R. E. B. Mortimer, b Briggs	14	st Wilkinson, b Couves 20
Lieut. J. L. Galloway, b Briggs	1	b Skinner 2
Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, c Liddell, b Briggs	2	b Liddell 11
Capt. J. D. Way, b Briggs	4	st Wilkinson, b Liddell 8
Lieut. J. W. Woodroffe, c Dyer, b Briggs	7	c Couves, b Skinner 0
R.S.M. P. O'Hara, b Watson	16	c Watson, b Skinner 0
Lieut. B. J. G. Pringle, not out	0	c and b Liddell 9
Extras	6	Extras 16
Total	64	Total (for 7 wickets) 85

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The same evening the Borderers' Team dined in the Officers' Mess, and we were very pleased to see so many of our old opponents present.

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Recruiting.

Recruiting has re-opened for the Regiment, and we now have 25 un-squadded men in Barracks. We expect to commence training with a complete squad of 30 men in about 10 days' time.

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On 15th May, 1928, we were sorry to have to say good-bye to Mr. J. W. Balding, who had been employed for a considerable number of years as Orderly Room Clerk at the Regimental Depôt.

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Mr. Balding's record of service is given below :—

Enlisted in the Militia, 13/3/1887.
Transferred to Regular Army, 12/6/1889.
Discharged to pension (Colour-Serjeant), 11/6/1910.
Appointed Mobilisation Storekeeper, 22/9/1910.
Appointed O.R. Clerk, 22/7/1911.
Re-enlisted, 12/9/1914.
Demobilised, 31/3/1920.
Mentioned in Despatches (Home), 1918.
Appointed Civilian Orderly Room Clerk, 1/4/1920.
Discharged, age limit (60 years), 15/5/1920.

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Mr. Balding was in possession of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

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He has been succeeded by Mr. E. V. Mower, who was formerly a C.S.M. in the 1st Battalion.

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Mr. Mower has completed 23 years' service with the Regiment, and was discharged to pension on 21/2/28.

6th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
June, 1928.

RECRUITS have come in well during the past month, and our strength is now 586. It is good to see a great improvement in the physique of those presenting themselves at the Drill Hall, but a tragedy to find the vast majority of them out of work.

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We hope to have very few absentees from Camp, but in these days many who are at work are chary of disturbing their employers by pressing for leave for Camp. In spite of all efforts, it is sad to find how many employers of labour there are who are not prepared to make any sacrifice whatever (even of convenience) for a patriotic cause.

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The week-end camps of the N.C.O.'s of "A" and "B" Companies at Blagdon Park were an unqualified success. The billets were good, the rations plentiful, and above all the training area was ideal. We learnt several lessons from these schemes, but the chief of them seems to be the absolute necessity for a skeleton section to contain at least 2 N.C.O.'s or Fusiliers—deployment and messages as well as mutual help are all brought out with two in a section.

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The H.Q. Wing with the Recruits—altogether about 198 strong—had a most useful week-end at Gosforth Park, and our best thanks are due to the Directors of the High Gosforth Park Company for placing so much accommodation at the disposal of the Battalion. Under Capt. Parmeter the various branches of H.Q. Wing practised their several vocations, and the Recruits learnt an insight into Camp life, though we have serious doubts about spring beds being available for all ranks at Marske.

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Musketry for all Companies has been carried out at Ponteland, and on the whole the firing was fairly satisfactory—some of the Recruits show more aptitude than usual, and were well encouraged by a fair sprinkling of ex-Service men amongst them. Someone is responsible for the untimely death of a bullock in Prestwick Swamp, a mile behind the Range. We can only think of one Company that would collect thus for the Q.M. Stores.

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Our Advance Party for Camp has now left, and we hope have taken some steel tent-pegs, as our lot is apparently a hard one. We hope for good weather, and, granted this, we can stand a deal of anything, especially praise.

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Our Sports will be held on Saturday, 14th July, at the Brigade Athletic Ground, at Byker. This year we propose to adopt the system of marking for the Sports Cup that has prevailed for some years with our Regular Battalions, and endeavour to make more use of team work.

"B" Company proved fairly easy winners of the Winter Football League. We congratulate Capt. Rutherford, who maintains well the athletic record of this versatile Company.

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Our Training Programme has been issued and contains practically all the information and instruction that anyone could desire. A Fusilier who reads and remembers from this book should be exceedingly well informed, and will expect to be exceedingly well fed. A Railway Guide and a Time-table seem the only omissions.

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We are not far from our Base whilst at Marske, and shall hope to see many of our friends there. Arrangements are being made for visitors to see us on Sunday, the 1st July, and we understand a char-a-banc has been engaged for the Subalterns' fiancees.

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Our next notes will say whether our training has justified our Camp—or our Camp justified our training. We hope for the best, and are quite unprepared for the worst.

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NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY WHITSUNTIDE RIFLE MEETING.

The following is a list of prize-winners in the above meeting, held at Ponteland Rifle Ranges on 26th, 27th and 28th May, 1928 :—

	Score.	Prize.
Revolver Sweepstake.		
Capt. T. Bennett, M.C.	24	6/–
Revolver Hunting Cup.		
Lieut. A. H. M. Field	7	10/–
Morpeth Competition.		
Lce.-Sjt. G. Mason, "D" Coy. ..	28	10/–
Lord Lieutenant's Prize.		
Lce.-Sjt. G. Mason, "D" Coy. ..	56	10/–
R.Q.M.S. J. Boyd, H.Q. Coy. ..	56	10/–
County Aggregate.		
Lieut. G. L. A. France	126	10/–
Lce.-Cpl. R. Ellison, "C" Coy. ..	124	10/–
C.S.M. A. Hoggins, "A" Coy. ..	123	10/–
C.S.M. W. Robinson, "B" Coy. ..	122	10/–
Territorial Service Rifle Championship.		
Sjt. C. Sargent, "D" Coy.	145	(2nd prize) £2
Lce.-Cpl. G. Weatherstone, "A" Coy.	130	10/–
C.S.M. W. Robinson, "B" Coy. ..	113	10/–
Recruits' Prize.		
Fus. P. Mackin, "D" Coy. ..	28	10/–
Fus. R. Armstrong, "C" Coy. ..	26	10/–
"Newcastle Chronicle" Challenge Cup (Recruits).		
"B" Team (2nd Prize)—Fuslrs. P. Mackin, R. Armstrong, T. W. Hann and G. Taylor	78	£1
Bourne Cup (Machine Gun).		
"B" Team (1st Prize)—Sjt. D. Bowman, Cpl. H. Weddle, Lce.-Cpl. A. Hayles and Fus. M. Fisher ..	51	£2 (The Bourne Cup and 4 Bronze Medals)

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The present strength of the Battalion is 21 Officers, 595 Other Ranks.

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SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We have been threatened by our Sub-Editor that unless some notes are forthcoming from this quarter he will write them himself, and risk a few writs for libel. Rather than face such an onslaught, to say nothing of the cost that such action would entail, we are complying with his request.

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Many changes have come our way since last we appeared in print. First of all we have to report the resignation from the active list of two very old members, they having reached the age limit—to wit, C.S.M. Fitzpatrick, of H.Q. Wing, and C.Q.M.S. Goodall, of "C" Company; then Sjt. Richardson, M.M., and Sjt. Campbell, both of "C" Company, have left us, having obtained their discharges on compassionate grounds; and last, but not least, Pioneer-Sjt. Wilson, having gone off to the Sunny South in quest of work, has been reluctantly compelled to apply for his discharge.

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C.S.M. Fitzpatrick has been a member of the Mess for more years than he cares to think about, being mobilized as a Serjeant with the Battalion in 1914, serving overseas with us for quite a period, and finished the campaign with that useful organisation, the Labour Corps, to which he was transferred, much to his disgust, for "Fitz" is a strong advocate of that old saw, "Once a Fusilier, always a Fusilier!" On the re-formation of the Battalion, in 1920, he was one of the first to come up, and retires with the rank of C.S.M. He has worked very hard for the Battalion and Mess, too, and we are pleased he is not leaving us altogether, having been accepted as an honorary member. On festive occasions we can always rely upon "Fitz" to oblige us with "Songs of the Sea," a musical effort which will never die while he can stand up and sing it.

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C.Q.M.S. Goodall joined the 3rd V.B.N.F. in 1900, and remained with the Battalion under the Territorial Scheme until 1913, having been a member of the Mess since 1907. He came up again on the outbreak of the war, and saw service in the East with the 2nd Battalion, eventually being transferred to the Royal Scots. For the past eight years George has served the Mess in the capacity of Treasurer and Steward, and under his able guidance our finances have always been in a healthy state. He has worked on all kinds of Committees, and his advice on matters relative to the financial side of things has been of great benefit—in fact, the very thought of finding a successor makes one realise more than ever how useful he is. The smallest details in the arranging of any function never escaped his attention, and he has done a lot of work behind the scenes which came only under the notice of those whose lot it was to serve with him in Committee.

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Sjt. Richardson came to us as a Boy early in 1914, his first post of any importance being that of "Pack pony attendant." This was not to his liking, aspiring as he did to higher things and rising eventually to Acting-Company-Serjeant-Major, of "C" Company. He had the distinction of being one of few who remained with the Battalion through the whole of the late war, until taken prisoner in May, 1918.

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He has had to sever connection with the active side of things on compassionate grounds, his services being required elsewhere.

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Sjt. Wilson is another old hand that we are sorry to part with, for "Kit" has had a varied experience—having served overseas as Transport Serjeant for three years or more, finally finding himself as a Serjeant of the Line with the Staffordshire Regt., and since the re-formation of the Battalion in 1900 has filled the role of Pioneer-Serjeant. A very keen Committee-man, always ready with "wordy" arguments, especially where such concerned the welfare of the Mess, and a good Pioneer-Serjeant—so good, in fact, to quote the words of one in high command, that had it not been for Sjt. Wilson instructing his Pioneers in the art of polishing their shovels, H.Q. Wing would never have won the Duke of Northumberland's Cup—Catterick Camp, 1924. "Kit" has gone south to work, and we wish him every luck in his new place.

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We also lose two good men in Sjts. Campbell and Peak, who have had to finish through their work not allowing them the necessary time for training.

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The foregoing resignations left gaps which had to be filled, and we congratulate the following on their promotion:—C.S.M. Chisholm, C.Q.M.S. Dixon, Pioneer-Sjt. Welch, and welcome into our midst the five Corporals who have attained the right of entry into the sacred precincts of the Serjeants' Mess by gaining another stripe—viz., T. Parker, R. N. Brown, D. Stewart, J. W. Stewart, T. Potts.

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Last, but not least, we welcome C.Q.M.S. Young, who previous to his promotion was a Lance-Corporal acting as Company Clerk.

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In the Northumberland and Durham W.O.'s and Serjeants' Association Winter Games Leagues we have been successful in winning the Billiards Tournament. This honour carries with it a Silver Cup, and each member of the team has been presented with a gold and enamel medal suitably inscribed. We congratulate C.S.M. W. Robinson, ex-C.S.M. J. L. Robinson, Sjt. W. Bulmer and Sjt. D. Bowman in achieving such honour, after five attempts.

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It seems only proper to couple soldiers with shooting, but our efforts in the Shooting League were nothing like the billiards. In fact, just the reverse, for we finished bottom; still, it's dogged that does it, so let us hope that now the Billiard Trophy has come our way we will not be happy until the Shooting Cup is also in our keeping for a twelve month.

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The Co-operative Challenge Shield was shot for on Wednesday, the 6th of June, and only two teams competed—last year's winners and a team from "B" Company. This poor response was probably due to the fact that many members were under the impression that the Miniature Range was still under repair. "B" Company were successful, and are to be congratulated, especially in view of the fact that two members of their team were newcomers, being brothers at that, so to C.S.M. Robinson, Sjts. McNally, D. Stewart and J. W. Stewart we offer our congratulations.

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Saturday, 16th June, saw another little competition, and the following were the prize-winners:—

R.Q.M.S. Boyd (75), "Bell Medal."
C.S.M. W. R. Robinson (72), "Earl Roberts" Medal.
C.Q.M.S. Nockels (71), C.Q.M.S. Chisholm (67), Sjt. E. Walton (66) and C.S.M. Jordan (64), Certificates.

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OBITUARY.

It is with regret that we report the loss of two of our honorary members—Ex-Sjt. Frank Walton and Ex-R.Q.M.S. Park, who have joined the ranks of those who have passed beyond the veil.

Sjt. Walton was only 42 years old, and first joined the Durham Light Infantry in March, 1900—seeing service in South Africa as a Boy Bugler. He eventually, after his discharge from the Army, joined the R.A.S.C., and sailed for France as a Serjeant with the 50th Division. Later he served in Italy with the 7th Division, and was mentioned in despatches.

Sjt. Walton's family is one of those that have stood up well for the Battalion—four of his brothers having served or are serving with us—one was C.S.M. (J. D. Walton, late of "A" Company), and another, Sjt. Edward Walton, is now with "D" Company; while another brother was with the Northern Cyclists. The Country is well served by men like these.

Frank was a very popular member of our Mess, and full military honours were paid to him as our token of respect and esteem in which he was held. He had a long, painful illness, but remained a soldier to the last.

R.Q.M.S. Park was our oldest member, for he joined the Battalion in 1861 and retired with the rank of R.Q.M.S. in 1895. He was 86 years of age when he died, and in spite of his great age he was remarkably active. Always a Fusilier in every sense of the word, Jim took a great interest in our welfare, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than to have news of his old love. For the past few years he has lived in Boscombe, but paid periodical visits to the North, and when here always came to see us.

"QUO FATA VOCANT."

7th BATTALION NOTES.

MARSKE-BY-THE-SEA,
26th June 1928.

WE are again revelling in the joys of Annual Training, after 50 blank weeks—brightened only by spasms of drill, Company and Battalion Schemes, and so on.

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We arrived at Marske on Sunday. As usual, our train was late in—only a matter of two hours this year—but in spite of this we got safely into camp about 5 p.m.

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The new Brigade Commander, Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., took the salute at the camp entrance, and saw a very smart Battalion march past him.

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Tea was served on arrival in the Lines, and then the usual formalities of drawing stores, etc., were entered into with great zest.

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The Camp is pleasantly situated, and is very compact and comfortable on fine days.

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The Sump Pits are about on a par with last year, but otherwise we feel more comfortable than usual.

Our small advanced party had worked very well and got the Camp erected and everything well in hand by the time the Battalion arrived.

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They have a hard job, but can congratulate themselves on having done it very efficiently.

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Sunday was spent in general organisation and sorting out and unfortunately we had a lot of rain next day. This was so bad that in the evening the Senior Medical Officer authorised a rum ration, which was highly appreciated.

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We hope for settled weather now however.

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To-day we have been right to one of the district areas, meaning a march of 11 or 12 miles on the second day in Camp, and dinners were served from the Field cookers in the Training Area.

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The following is a list of Officers in Camp:—Lt.-Col. the Hon. H. B. Robson; Major F. B. Cowen, M.C.; Capt. and Adjutant R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C.; Captains E. H. Watson, W. C. W. Potts, J. C. Carr-Ellison, A. J. K. Todd, S. H. Gallon, W. H. Dargie, M.C.; Lieuts. F. W. Clay, D. W. Moscrop, W. E. R. Fuller, E. C. Grey, M. Robson; 2nd-Lieuts. J. F. Simpson, J. Fawcus, J. S. Moore, R. J. Middlemas; Lieut. and Q.M. C. Adlard, M.M.; Capt. P. W. MacLagan, M.C., R.A.M.C.

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A full account of all our doings will be written up for next month's notes.

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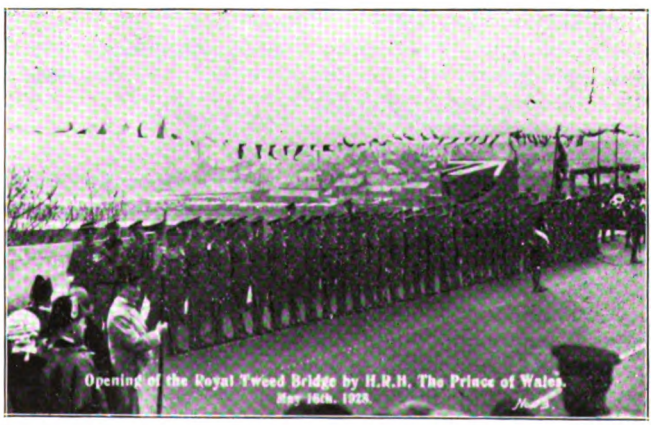
We have just received this photograph of the Berwick Bridge Guard of Honour.



As we had hoped, we had a very successful time at Ponteland (Northumberland Rifle Meeting), held on Whitsuntide.

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We retrieved the Lambton Cup H.Q. Company relieving "A" Company of this trophy, with "B" Company as good seconds.

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Mr. Middlemas won a number of cups and trophies.

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We much regret that Capt. Gallon, Commanding H.Q. Company, has just had an unfortunate accident, sustaining a compound fracture of the little finger of his left hand.

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He has had to go to York Military Hospital to have some stitches.

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We sympathise with him, and hope to see him back again in the course of the next few days.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
June, 1928.

WE are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926. 10/- each.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Mr. J. Wilde.

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Subscriptions due in July:—

Mr. G. Barnard
Mr. W. Fuller
Major G. Wilkinson

Letters to the Editor.

"HIGH VIEW,"
GRUNDISBURGH,
SUFFOLK.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

Serjt. Pearce's letter in last month's *Gazette re* Mr. Moran, one-time Bandmaster, reminds me that he should be famous as the composer of a Funeral March, now played throughout the world—*i.e.* "Regrets."

I make the claim on his behalf for the following reasons. On my being drafted to the 2nd Battalion, in 1892, at Peshawar, funerals were rather frequent. On all occasions this march was played, and as the Band parts were manuscript, and very indistinct at that, I naturally asked why printed parts were not available. I was told that this was a Regimental Funeral March, composed by an old Bandmaster of the Regiment, named Moran, and that it was not published. Some of the cleaner cards bore the name which verified this statement. Anyhow, I never heard it played elsewhere until at the funeral of King Edward it was played by the Guards' Band, and in the report of the ceremony it was mentioned, but that the composer was unknown. It was also played by the Guards at the funeral of Field-Marshal Earl Haig.

Perhaps some older members of the Regiment, particularly Bandsmen, may be able to give further details. If so, would it be possible for the Regiment to take up with the publishers their right to the March, or at least to associate it with the Regiment, whose property it undoubtedly is?

Yours faithfully,
W. LEES.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
30th June, 1928.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st April and 30th June, 1928, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Major E. G. Finch	1	1	0
Major A. P. Garnier, M.B.E., M.C.	5	0	0
T. E. Short, Esq.	0	10	0
Br.-Gen. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O.	3	3	0
Lt.-Col. W. H. Wild, D.S.O.	5	0	0
Major A. M. Gibbes	2	2	0
Col. C. Ward Ritson, O.B.E.	1	1	0
Col. W. E. Sturges	2	2	0
Col. D. S. Stewart, C.B.	5	0	0
Mrs. Riddell	30	0	0
Mrs. Bucknall (In memoriam W.H.C.B.)	1	1	0
Br.-Gen. T. G. L. Herbert Armstrong, C.B.E.	3	3	0
Major B. T. St. John	2	2	0
Major-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.	3	3	0
Colonel R. J. T. Stewart	1	1	0
Brigadier A. C. Girdwood, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.	2	2	0
O.C. 1st Battalion	20	6	6
Hon. Secretary, Ball Committee	269	19	6
Serjeants' Mess, 1st Battalion	18	2	0
Corporals' Club, 1st Battalion	8	8	0
Late 35th Battalion, per U.S. Trustee	31	0	7
J. Newton, Esq.	0	5	0
The Lady Ravensworth (6th parcel)	Clothing		
Messrs. Hough and Short (3rd parcel)	100 boxes for roses		
Mrs. Money	Clothing		
Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O. (2nd parcel)	Clothing		
O.C. 1st Battalion	St. George's Day greetings		
O.C. Depôt	St. George's Day greetings		
Major A. M. Gibbes (3rd and 4th parcels)	Clothing and boots		
Capt. and Mrs. G. E. D. Waddilove (12th parcel)	Clothing		
H. C. Bucknall, Esq., and Mrs. Bucknall (2nd parcel)	Clothing and boots		
Major G. M. Harding (2nd parcel)	Clothing and boots		
Major S. S. Flower, O.B.E., and Mrs. Flower (9th parcel)	Clothing and boots		

Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.),
Secretary and Treasurer.

REGIMENTAL DINNER.

THE Regimental Dinner was held on 7th June at the Hotel Metropole. It is not necessary to say anything about the success of this annual function. Its "raison d'être" ensures this, and when the service is good and the price moderate all is better than well.

During the evening the following message was received:—

"Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Snow and the Past and Present Officers, Somerset Light Infantry, Prince Albert's, drink to the health of the Officers of the 5th Northumberland Fusiliers";

and Major-General Sir Percy Wilkinson sent a similar message in return after glasses had been duly drained.

The following Officers were present:—Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson; Br.-Generals Basil Buckley, C. Yatman,

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Charles Lambton, E. Morton and William Sitwell; Air Commodore M. Bonham Carter; Colonels H. S. Ainslie, W. E. Sturges, John C. Somerville, E. L. Heard, Francis Festing, G. M. Moulton-Barrett, H. R. Sandilands, D. Sapte, Sir A. E. Whitaker and W. Wild; Lt.-Colonels Charles Turner, S. H. Kershaw, A. Landen, H. W. Archer, W. N. Herbert, H. B. Warwick, R. M. Lamb, E. B. Gordon, B. Cruddas and W. P. H. Rushbrooke; Majors B. T. St. John, J. F. Chenevix-Trench, H. C. Stephen, W. Platt, H. H. Prideaux, W. M. Allan, F. B. Corbet-Singleton, St. John Montagu, S. S. Flower, K. Greville Williams, G. S. H. Leverson and P. E. Thornton; Captains W. H. Braddell, E. G. M. Buckley, J. H. Hogshaw, H. F. Attwater and J. R. Fenwick; Lieutenants S. Enderby, T. H. Owen, G. H. Bolster, W. R. M. Clifford, R. W. Dyer, R. S. Surtees, E. O. Martin, I. J. Kilgour and W. N. C. Crawhall.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ARMY OFFICERS.

WAR OFFICE,
15th June, 1928.

AN amendment of the Pay Warrant provides for the annual grant, at the discretion of the Army Council, of a limited number of scholarships of the annual value of £50, tenable for 5 years, to Officers on first appointment to Regular Army Commissions, from the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and the Universities. The conditions governing the grant and tenure of the Scholarships will be laid down by the Army Council from time to time. For the past three years it has been the practice to grant eleven scholarships every half-year.

SERVICE FAMILIES SETTLEMENT SCHEME.

SPECIAL FACILITIES FOR SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.

WAR OFFICE,
19th June, 1928.

THE conditions of a Land Settlement Scheme under which special facilities are offered to a limited number of Military and Naval families, to settle on farms in Canada during the Spring of 1929, have now been agreed between the Government Departments concerned. Vacancies for thirty families are specifically allotted under the Scheme to the Army, and the names of families recommended by General Officers Commanding-in-Chief are to be submitted to the War Office as soon as possible. It is not essential under this scheme that both man and wife should have had previous agricultural experience. Generally speaking, the age of the head of the family should not exceed 41 years, but where the family is regarded by the Canadian authorities as particularly suited for settlement, a man up to 45 years of age will be accepted.

All accepted families will undergo a six months' course of training in agriculture at the Army Vocational Training Centre, Chisledon, beginning 1st November next. Wives and elder children will receive suitable instruction during the course. Lectures will be arranged by Commands to explain the scheme in detail. The underlying object of the Dominion Authorities is to place each family on a farm offering the best prospects of the early success of the family. All farms allotted are established in settled districts with a suitable house and land which has been developed at least partially. For these reasons the settlement of all families as a group in one district is impracticable; but so far as possible small groups of 4 or 5 families will be settled in the same district—that is, with access to the same market town.

The cost of ocean passage for each adult settler will be £2, and the cost of the railway journey in Canada from £2 to £6, according to the distance of the destination. Children under 17 travel free. In cases of necessity arrangements may be made for an advance of passage-money. A sum up to £300 is advanced by the Imperial Government to each settler for the purchase of stock and equipment, the loan being repayable in instalments spread over 25 years.

Command Oversea Settlement Committees will make arrangements for explaining the scheme and for recruiting suitable families. A roll of men selected, with the names in order of priority of recommendation, is to be rendered to the War Office by 1st July next.

LE SPORT.

By V. M. Geoghegan.

THE Hotel London was situated in that low-lying quarter of Monaco known as "Les Condamine." It was essentially an English hotel; the greater portion of its British "clientelle" returning to it year after year. One met there, for the most part, elderly couples seeking the sun and the excitement of a mild gamble at Monte Carlo's famous casino, and those men and women imbued with the real lust for gambling, who only left the tables to partake of food. For the rest, one saw couples, young and old, some with children, some without; single women, women in pairs; widows with daughters; a few unattached men; and all those other aimless, homeless wanderers, met with everywhere abroad, who throng Brittany, Normandy and fashionable French watering-places in the summer, and migrate to Southern France and Italy in the winter. The Condamine was popular with the wanderers and gamblers of limited means on account of its comparative cheapness to other spots on the Riviera, and its proximity to Monte Carlo.

Dinner was just over, and the lounge was crowded; late comers found it hard to find a vacant chair. Some had formed groups and sat round glass-topped tables sipping coffee and liqueurs. The gamblers discussed systems and "coups"; the others gossiped, criticised the latest arrivals, and made up bridge fours. There were a good many couples from India on leave amongst the non-"habitués" of the hotel, and these fraternized and made up parties together for excursions, or dances at the Café de Paris.

All alone, in a small alcove drinking her coffee, sat Madame Miguet. Madame Miguet was the only French woman in the hotel. She was a widow; pretty and young. She came from Paris. She was a typical Parisian, her auburn hair was superbly shingled, her complexion faultless, and she was gowned with the smart but sombre simplicity of her race.

She now gazed in wonder at all the chattering, laughing groups around her, and had anyone troubled to observe Madame Miguet, they would have detected a gleam of amusement in her large brown eyes. For all those people *did* amuse her. They were so different, ah! so different, la! la! At the same time a wave of loneliness swept over her. It would be nice to laugh and talk too; it was "triste" always being alone. She swallowed her coffee and went upstairs.

Heads turned as she zigzagged her way through the lounge to the lift, her hips swinging slightly as she went. Eager lips whispered. This strange French woman was considered some-

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what of an interloper by the strong British element in the hotel. There were few other foreigners staying there, only a German or two, whom naturally one had nothing to do with—for this story is of the time, not long ago, when Germans were still called Huns and shingled hair was looked upon as fast.

A stout matron eyed Madame Miguet critically as she passed before her. "I really should like to know what she is," she whispered to her companion; "*nice* French women don't go about alone. I wonder what she is doing here; I never see her in the 'rooms.'"

"Better not enquire," answered the other. "An adventuress, by the look of her."

"Madame Miguet. Hm.!" the first matron resumed. "Anyhow I'm sure she is not nice: Colonel Bucke insinuated as much; he's a man of the world and ought to know."

Meanwhile the subject of all this discussion had arrived at her bedroom, where she was to be seen lying back in an arm-chair beside her radiator, reading a novel.

She presently put down her novel and closed her eyes. She sighed. Ah! it was *triste, triste*, here without friends. Nowhere to go, nothing to do. She pined for Paris, with its boulevards, its cafés, its cinemas! Here, too, at Monte Carlo, there were cafés, and dancing, and "cinemas," but you could not go to these places alone; it was hard indeed to amuse yourself alone. Ah! if only there were some from her own country staying here at the hotel, how different it would be! These others, they looked at her. . . . "Mon Dieu!" they looked at her as if she were not "*comme il faut.*" Ah! la, la! life was droll, so droll!

Madame Miguet had no children, and her means were just sufficient to allow of her living in a small but comfortable apartment in Paris. She had lost her husband three years previously, killed in a motor accident; she had been very fond of him, and missed him greatly. This was her first visit to the 'Midi.' An attack of the "grippe" had affected one of her lungs—nothing serious, but her doctor had advised the South. So she let her flat and here she was.

She had many friends in Paris—business people mostly, who never left the capital except for an annual holiday in the summer. They were not of the class of Parisian seen flocking to the Gare de Lyons from January onwards: those sun-seekers who fill the long, important, soot-covered P.L.M. "rapides" that nightly roll and roar their way down to the Côte d'Azure. So Madame Miguet was not surprised that so far no familiar face had appeared to her amongst the crowds that thronged the small principality—indeed, she would have been surprised had she met anyone of her acquaintance there.

She knew very little of the South before her arrival. Menton—Nice—Monte Carlo—they were names to her, nothing more. She cared little where she went, providing she got the sun. In the end, she settled on Monaco, because it was cheaper than Menton, and at Nice she had heard one was "*trop en ville.*" The London Hotel had been recommended to her, with numerous others, by the busy young clerk at an information bureau in the Avenue de l'Opera, where she had sought advice in her ignorance; and of all the hotels to which she had subsequently written for a room, the London was the only one able to accommodate her. The others, they all had the same story—"Chambre à deux lits," yes, but single room, impossible! And she had so distinctly said she was a lady alone.

There were other reasons, too, unconnected with health, that caused Madame Miguet to leave Paris: she had had an offer of marriage from one, Gustave Le Pierre. Gustave was "bien tres bien." He was prosperous; he was good; he was devoted. But against that, he was short and fat; and he was not young. She found it hard to make up her mind. She did not want to commit herself by saying "yes," nor did she want definitely to say "no." All she wanted was to be right away. She wanted to give herself time to decide. She wished to see if distance made her heart grow warmer or colder. Loneliness, she was finding, had made it considerably warmer, and she now appreciated her elderly admirer as she had never appreciated him before.

Her days were monotonous in the extreme. Of a morning, she was in the habit of rising early and taking the tram up the Monaco hill to the terminus, from whence she would walk to the public gardens that fringe the crest of the Rock. There she would find a secluded seat in the sun, and there she would remain the entire morning, doing some embroidery work, and admiring the scenery.

In the afternoon, her programme was very much the same, only varied by the fact that, instead of the tram, she took the "auto-bus," and instead of to the gardens on the Rock, she went to the Prince's famous cactus gardens high up above the town, and there she would occupy herself with a novel, instead of her embroidery. At four o'clock she would descend to Monte Carlo, to partake of a cup of chocolate and cakes at some quiet "patisserie," after which she would return to her hotel and her bedroom. And that is how Madame Miguet, the "not quite nice adventuress," spent her days.

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"Déjeuner" was in full swing. Harassed Italian waiters hurried and slid here and there between closely packed tables, performing feats of marvel with piled-up plates and dishes of roast veal. Madame sat all alone at her small table, with a book propped up before her. She read as she ate. She observed somewhat resentfully, that a place had been laid at the empty table beside her. She had enjoyed the feeling of privacy that empty table gave her.

Presently there was a stir amongst the laughing, chattering lunchers. With one accord, all looked round—all with the exception of Madame Miguet, who was immersed in her book. Some whispered; others smiled. A man—a man who was not old—a man alone, stood in the doorway of the restaurant. The *maitre-d'hotel*, smothered in smiles, approached the newcomer. He bowed: "This way, please, Monsieur," and, with the consideration and tact of his kind, he led his client to the empty table next the lonely French lady. A lonely lady—a lonely gentleman! What could be better than that they should be together? And helping Monsieur into his chair, he handed him the wine card.

Many were the furtive glances cast at the new arrival. For he was tall and well built, quite sufficiently handsome; and if he was over forty, he did not look it. Men who were not husbands or fathers were rare indeed at the London Hotel, and the few unattached exceptions one *did* find there would see fifty no more. So no wonder, then, pretty Mrs. Dale, behind her menu deftly arranged as a screen, gave an unnecessary dab with a pocket puff to the tip of her already overpowdered nose, and added scarlet to her scarlet lips. Again, was it surprising that Mrs. Rutter told her daughter to sit up, and wished that she were wearing a less unbecoming jumper.

"He looks nice," she whispered, "and I am sure he can dance. We might take him with us to the 'Gala' Ball at the Casino next week." And so thought Mrs. Dale, and many another besides. For it was nice to dance, and professionals . . . well, twenty francs a dance did mount up.

Madame Miguet, to whom had been granted the heaven-sent

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opportunity of having so desirable a creature beside her, appeared to be superbly indifferent. Only one cursory glance did she give him, and then she returned to her book. And to her book and her food she remained steadfast to the end of the meal.

It was the same at dinner. The yellow-backed novel stood propped up against a bottle of white wine before her, a menace to any friendly advances from the next door neighbour.

Yet the newcomer—Captain Pottery was his name—looked several times in her direction. The smooth chestnut head, the white skin and well-cut gown, these, book or no book, defied obscuration. He felt he would like to know her. A damned attractive woman, and French too. Why come abroad, and there meet only your own country men and women? He looked around him at all the other diners with an air of bored impatience.

But how penetrate the barrier of her book and intense aloofness? "Trespassers will be prosecuted," seemed to be written all over her. He possessed all the shyness and reserve of his race, and the English gentleman's morbid horror of being what he called "pushing." So he did nothing. For two whole days they remained strangers.

It was at "déjeuner" three days later, that a suitable opportunity for addressing her occurred. They had reached the final stage of the meal when you help yourself from a dish containing an orange, perhaps an apple, and a few powdery dried figs. Madame Miguet took an orange. She sliced it neatly in half. Instead of exuding juice, inside it was pale and dry and shrivelled. She tried to catch the eye of a hurrying waiter—a thing not easy to do—without success. And Madame Miguet badly wanted an orange she could eat.

Captain Pottery observed all this. He observed the elusive waiters. On the dish before him stood an orange—an orange he did not want. Mustering all his courage, he lifted the dish, and stretched across the intervening space between his and her table. "Permettez moi, Madame," he said in his best French. Madame Miguet took the proffered orange, looked up at him, and smiled.

That evening at dinner Madame Miguet bowed to him when he came in—but the book was still there. Encouraged by the bow, when the chicken had been served—it was Thursday—he cleared his throat and addressed her: "Vous aimez beaucoup de lire, n'est ce pas, Madame?"

Madame looked up and smiled. "Ca passe le temps—(it passes the time)—Monsieur."

"Oui, oui," he answered, "you . . . vous toute alone? Pas parler bien Français, Madame."

"Monsieur is English, hein?" said she, breaking into his tongue. "There are plenty English here."

"Too many," he answered. "But you speak English? Topping!"

"Just a leetle, but I like to speak, you forget so easy," and she began to cut up her chicken.

"Had any luck at the tables, Madame?" persevered Captain Pottery.

"Luck? What is that? Luck at zee table? Ah! yes, I know, you mean 'bon chance' at the roulette, hein? No, I never play but once, I lose, I not play again."

The other smiled. "You're wise. But its rather sport, you know, backing your luck against that vast organisation. I made a thousand last night at the Sporting Club."

She shrugged her shoulders. "It happen sometime, but you lose after, you see." And Pottery laughed.

Friendship developed rapidly after this, as is the way of promiscuous friendships so easily formed on liners or in hotels. Before the week was out they were to be seen strolling on the terrace together; sipping "apératifs" outside the Café de Paris. He took her to the "cinéma" and "thés dasants." They went for walks and excursions by motor. In fact, Madame Miguet was beginning to enjoy her stay at Monte Carlo.

She was resting in her room, after a long day spent up at "la Turbie." That night they were going to the gala ball at the Casino together, and she was feeling mildly thrilled. It was so nice to be no longer always alone; to be able to join in the life around. And he was such a "bon garcon," was that Captain Pottery. So "gentille," so safe! It was like going about with a woman. One of her own countrymen, now, imagine to go about everywhere alone with him, impossible, impossible! He would think . . . he would expect . . . "Mon Dieu!" how he would make love! But this English captain . . . never a word of "amour"; never a look; not a squeeze of the hand. Yes, they were "un merveille," these English, so simple, so naive. With them everything was "sport" . . . to lose or win at the Casino was sport; dancing, eating in the open, losing your way in the country—as they once had done; the terrifying bends on the precipitous road to Pera Cava—it was all *sport*.

She sat down at her table. She must write to Gustave, she had not written to him for over a week. Poor Gustave! He seemed a long way away, and very fat and old. The nice Captain Pottery, he was such a "beau garcon."

The rest of the hotel strongly condemned the growing friendship between the *French adventuress* and the good looking Englishman. "Disgusting!" one would remark. "Don't we all know these French women—men are like butter in their hands," from another.

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Ten more days had elapsed. Captain Pottery and his faithful companion sat eating a picnic luncheon amongst the pine trees above Cap d'Ail; slices of cold veal, hard boiled eggs and the inevitable orange lay spread out before them.

The day was a glorious one. It really was hot, the sun really shone, as a Riviera sun should shine, and no "mistrail" blew to remind one it was still winter-time.

They finished eating. Neither spoke much; a great peace seemed to have descended on both of them. Madame Miguet gazed out at the blue and purple sea; she was feeling happy, oh! so happy! Formless fancies were taking shape in her mind. Could it be . . . was it possible? He had been different somehow these last few days, this captain; more serious, more "je ne sais quoi." Was he growing to like her a little bit? It was difficult to tell with the English. But there was a look in his eye that had not been there before, and he had held her hand so long in his last night, when he had bid her "bonne nuit"! those small signs that with a Frenchman mean so little, but with an Englishman—who knew—might mean so much.

And then he spoke. "Topping here, what, Madame? Don t you feel awfully happy? I do. The blue sea and the sun, and its awfully jolly being with you. I don't think I should be happy if you weren't here, Marise . . . may I call you that? Awfully jolly name, Marise . . . saw it in the flyleaf of the book you're reading," he stammered.

Madame Miguet sighed gently. He went on. "You've made my stay here awfully jolly, Marise, you're such a sport . . . a topping pal. You know, I care for you awfully, you make me feel . . . oh! I don't know . . . you know . . . it's so

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dashed difficult to explain. Do you like me a little, Marise ? " He took hold of her hand and began fondling it.

She suppressed a laugh. Oh! these English! Such dears, but ah! la, la! so " gauche " at " l'amour "! " I find you very dear," she whispered ; and she pressed his hand.

" Marise, you mean it really, really!" A light shone in his eyes. He took her in his arms. He kissed her. " I do love you, Marise," he murmured softly. " Je vous aimez, je vous aimez."

" He loves me! he loves me! " the French woman repeated to herself. Ah! it was nice to be loved by this " beau Anglais." How " triste " she had been before he came, and now . . . " Mon Dieu! " she was happy. Dreams of the future rose up before her ; dreams hazy, perhaps, but the tall Englishman was always there. No, it was no fun being a widow. Gustave was forgotten.

They sat on in silence and ecstacy. Suddenly, Madame Miguet began to shiver. The sun had disappeared behind a rock—as is the way of the Southern sun—leaving the atmosphere cold and damp. She took up a woollen wrap that lay beside her, and threw it over her shoulders.

" Cold, dear ? " Pottery asked anxiously. " Perhaps we ought to be going back." He looked at the watch on his wrist, and rose hastily. " Jove! we must hurry ; no idea it was so late." His voice suddenly grew cold, like the weather.

His companion rose, too. " Very well, we go back, but why such a haste, chérie ? "

The other grew red, and he stammered as he gathered up remnants of egg shells, cold veal and orange peal, and made thereof a parcel, " I must er . . . go to the station to meet the er . . . Calais train. My er . . . wife is joining me to-day." He buried the parcel of morsels under a rock. " You will like my wife, Marise . . . er . . . Madame Miguet, she is awfully jolly—such a sport!"

Silently Madame Miguet followed her companion down the stony track leading to the road. Her heart felt very heavy. Ah! yes, they were all the same, every one of them—Frenchmen, Englishmen, " Le Sport," that was all they cared about. A ball, or a woman, what did it matter ? They were like children, they must play—play—play.

Ah! well, she still had Gustave ; she would write to him when she got in. One could be so sure of Gustave—perhaps he was too old for " le sport." She looked at the tall, straight figure of he whom she followed. And she sighed.

MIGRATION AND OVERSEAS SETTLEMENT BUREAU.

A NEW phase of migration work is being developed by the Over-Seas League, the object being to assist men of moderate means, such as ex-Officers of the Services, ex-Civil Servants and others, to settle in the Dominions. Anxious to make its contribution toward the building up of a strong United Empire, the League believes that it would be of mutual advantage, both to the Mother Country and to the Dominions, if the class of men referred to can be happily assimilated into the life overseas.

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

North'd. Fus.—The notification concerning Lieut. F. C. Prickett, O.B.E., M.C., in the *Gazette* of 12th June, is cancelled ; Lieut. F. C. Prickett, O.B.E., M.C., retires, receiving a gratuity (10th June), and is granted the rank of Major.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

INFANTRY.

North'd Fus.—Major F. C. Prickett, O.B.E., M.C. (Lieut., ret.) to be Major (dated 10th June, 1928), with seniority 19th August, 1927.

The following, having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers :—Capt. W. Taylor (dated 5th July).

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,

July, 1928.

AFTER the activities of the last few months, the slight lull, usually associated with the month of July, has set in. This is the time when we make a brief pause between Musketry, involving longish and somewhat irregular hours on the range, and Battalion and Brigade Training, which finally complete the annual cycle of training. We pause, as it were, to take breath for the final crash. Education temporarily comes to the fore, one or two Officers snatch bits of leave, and there is generally a little more time for everything, except for the Machine Gunners, who have been working very hard on schemes and field firing, all the Machine Gunners of N.I.D. being concentrated at Ballykinlar.

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The month has not, however, been entirely uneventful. The chief event has been our victory in the Northern Ireland District Sports. The victory was a somewhat remarkable one, the FIFTH being placed first in ten events out of eleven, and second in the odd one, thereby scoring 54 out of a possible 55 points. Our Athletics team, like the Boxing and Tug-of-War teams, has been victorious every one of the three years since the Battalion came to Ireland, and incidentally goes one better than the two last-named, having won the Rhine Army Sports the year before coming to Ireland.

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This year we were without Mr. Kilgour and Fus. Power, two of the mainstays of previous teams, and it is very satisfactory to find that new talent has arisen to take their places. A separate account of the Sports appears elsewhere. Meanwhile, congratulations to all members of the team who contributed to so complete a victory.

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Regimental enthusiasts who read this paper should now have a nice sugary taste in their mouths, and be well prepared for the pill, which may therefore be administered. Sad to relate, we have met, in addition to Triumph, the other "impostor," Disaster. In other words, our cricket team was wallopped in the second round of the N.I.D. Cup, by the Sherwood Foresters, to the tune of an innings and 93 runs. Our cricket scribe gives a separate account elsewhere.

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The second Company march began on 28th June. The Machine Gun Company and Signal Section marched to one camp, and "X" Company to another. The former pitched a perimeter camp, which they did very successfully for the first attempt.

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Bad roads and bad weather were the chief features of the three days. The first incident was provided by "X" Company's lorry, which sank to the axle in the road within half a mile of the proposed camp. The C.Q.M.S., with the Advance Party, on the lorry, was faced with the necessity of making a military decision. He had been ordered to go to a spot, hereafter called *A*, and organize a camp ready for the Company coming in. It was clearly impossible to get to *A* with all the impedimenta. One glance at the lorry was sufficient to make that quite clear. What then was he to do ? "What," thought he to himself, "does the book say ?" "To do nothing is definitely wrong." All jolly fine, but anybody could make up a silly tag like that. The man who had time to think of a thing of that kind was probably one of those inveterate procrastinators who sit in an office all day, with little or nothing to do, and have put up in bold type large notices—which, incidentally, never deceive the most casual of visitors—saying : "DO IT NOW!" or "IF YOU HAVE TIME TO WASTE, I HAVE NOT," etc., etc.

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What was it someone had said, in a lecture the other day ? "It is hoped that eventually the 1st Line Transport of all Units will be mechanised." "If this is mechanisation," he thought, "all I can say is, roll on, my twenty-one. Give me a decent, honest pair of heavy draught every time."

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Meanwhile the Company was marching nearer and nearer, and still he was doing nothing. The camp he had been ordered to make was no nearer being started ; so, still hoping for inspiration, he read on :

"Notwithstanding the greatest skill and care in framing orders, unexpected local circumstances may render the precise execution of an order . . . impracticable."

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("Unexpected local circumstances" certainly had, he mused.)

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"A formal order will never be departed from, in letter or spirit—

"(*a*) so long as the Officer who issued it is present."

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(Well, he wasn't. All the same, he precious soon would be, and the camp still wasn't started.)

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"(*b*) If the Officer who issued it is not present, so long as there is time to report to him."

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(Well, there certainly wasn't time, that is, if he was to have a camp ready at all.)

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"A departure from either spirit of letter of an order is justified if the subordinate who assumes the responsibility bases his decision on some fact which could not be known to the Officer who issued it."

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("The Officer" who ordered him to go to *A* could not, presumably, have known that he would go through the road

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half a mile short of it. All the same, reflected the C.Q.M.S. a trifle bitterly, he might have known, because he had certainly reconnoitred the camp.)

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"If a subordinate *neglects* to depart from the letter of his orders . . . when such departure . . . is clearly demanded, he will be responsible for any failure which may ensue."

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Hurrah for the text books! There's something in them after all, the C.Q.M.S. rejoiced. Now he could make up his mind. He certainly had to make a camp. That was clear. Otherwise he would be "responsible for the failure," and anyway, quite apart from what the book said, the Company Commander would probably be very angry if he arrived and found no camp at all. On the other hand, he couldn't get the lorry to the proper camp site. The answer, then, was simple after all. Obviously the camp site had to be brought to the lorry. So, without more ado, he proceeded to organize his camp in the nearest field to the lorry, and all was well. The Company, on arrival, dragged the lorry out. (*Moral.*—A sound C.Q.M.S. is not necessarily one who knows his Finanical Instructions backwards.)

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To proceed with the rest of the Company march. During the afternoon the opposing forces sent out patrols, which, acting with the courage and disregard of personal danger so frequently seen in the absence of umpires and bullets, returned to their respective headquarters with very accurate information.

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The same night, "X" Company was to have marched over a high hill to attack the enemy at crack of dawn, but it was coming on to rain, as it only can in the Mourne Mountains, so the attack was cancelled, much to the disappointment of "X" Company, who were all for having a go at "the Gunners." However, they were thankful to be in their tents about an hour later, when the rain came down in sheets.

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The next day the two Companies marched to Massford—distances of about six and three miles. This was not so simple as it sounds, because all "X" Company's kit had to be carried about half a mile to the nearest point that the lorry could reach in safety. The march happened to coincide with another heavy downpour, and the lorry frequently had to be pushed out of its difficulties. In fact, by the time that they returned to Ballykinlar they had done everything they could for that lorry, short of picking it up and carrying it home.

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On the third day the combined force marched back to Ballykinlar, about 16 miles, and picquetted the heights during the first six miles. Major Foster had told them how this operation should be carried out, as it was new to most of them, and told them afterwards how it appeared from his point of view as O.C. Skeleton Enemy. Though many mistakes must have been made through lack of experience, it was considered to be quite good for a first attempt.

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The Companies afterwards marched back to Ballykinlar, in very good spirits, and well satisfied with the way in which they had overcome their various difficulties, though "X" Company were by no means satisfied that the "Horse *v.* Machine" argument is settled yet.

Congratulations to Colonel and Mrs. Herbert on the arrival of a baby daughter.

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Congratulations also to Colonel Garnier on his appointment to Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel.

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The usual comings and goings have taken place during the month. Capt. Gatehouse has had short leave; likewise Capt. Buckley, after his labours at the Machine Gun School, Netheravon.

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Capt. Scanlon has gone to Hythe on a Lewis Gun refresher course.

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Next month, touching wood, these notes will be written from camp near Ballynalinch. We say "touching wood," because we have yet to do our first Brigade Training in Ireland. The first year we were in Glasgow, and last year camp was, in the literal sense of the word, a "wash-out."

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Coming events therefore are:—Camp, on 19th August; before that, Dublin Horse Show for some; and after that, move to York, in October (latest rumour, straight from the horse's mouth).

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Just before going to press, the following letter reached us, and is published because it is of general interest:—

"GLASGOW, 19th July, 1928.

"ADJUTANT, 1ST BN. FIFTH FUSILIERS,
"BALLYKINLAR.

Sports and Fireworks Display, Firhill Park.

"SIR,

"I have been instructed to make application for permission for the Regimental Corps of Drums to be present at our Sports Meeting at Firhill Park, on Saturday, 25th August, and if the engagement is possible, I shall be pleased to have particulars of fees.

"We have been continually asked by many people here to make an effort to get the Drums to the city, as during the Regiment's stay in Glasgow, when the Corps of Drums appeared at Firhill, they created a great impression, and the comment was freely made that nothing like it had ever been seen in the city.

"Trusting to be favoured with your kind consideration,

"I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
"E. WATTS, *Hon. Sec.*,
"Maryhill Harriers."

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In view of the fact that it is two years since we were in Glasgow, it is very gratifying to think that the impression created by our Drums was such that they are still in demand in the land of the bagpipe.

SPORTS.

Northern Ireland District Team Championship.

The Athletic Team Championships were run on the same lines as the Army Sports—*i.e.*, the 100, 220, 440, 880 Yards and Hurdles were run as relay races, teams each consisting of four runners; in the Mile and 3 Miles each Unit was represented by

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four runners, and team placings were decided according to individual places taken by each member of the team. In the field events each Unit had two representatives, and places were awarded according to the aggregate of their performances.

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100 *Yards Relay.*—1, 5th Fusiliers; 2, West Yorks; 3, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; 4, Sherwood Foresters. (5th Fus. team—Lce.-Cpl. Shields, Lce.-Cpl. Bell, Fus. Urwin, Lce.-Cpl. Macdonagh.)

Bell got away well, and teams were pretty level for the first change over. Macdonagh, in the second stage, secured a lead of 2 yards, which Urwin held. Shields was given a lead and won by two or three yards.

220 *Yards Relay.*—1, West Yorks; 2, 5th Fusiliers; 3, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; 4, Sherwood Foresters. (5th Fus. team—Lce.-Cpl. Shields, Lce.-Cpl. Bell, Fus. Urwin, Lce.-Cpl. Macdonagh.)

The race was run straight up and down. The first three relays handed over more or less together, and Shields just failed to hold Bdsmn. Schelts, West Yorks. A very good race.

440 *Yards Relay.*—1, 5th Fusiliers; 2, West Yorks; 3, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; 4, Sherwood Foresters. (5th Fus. team—Fus. Jackson, Lce.-Cpls. Scanlan, Humphrey, Bell.)

Jackson ran a perfectly judged race, to gain a lead of 5 yards, which Scanlon increased to 10, and Humphrey to 20. Bell was not pressed for the last lap. Won by 30 yards.

880 *Yards Relay.*—1, 5th Fusiliers; 2, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; 3, West Yorks; 4, Sherwood Foresters. (5th Fus. team—Lce.-Cpls. Latimer, Humphrey, Bellwood, Cpl. Ross.)

Bellwood finished a close 3rd in a fast half-mile; Ross gained about five yards on the leaders before handing over to Latimer, who ran a waiting race, and then came right away about 200 yards from home and gained a lead of 20 yards. Humphrey held the lead easily, and won by 30 yards.

Mile.—1, 5th Fusiliers; 2, West Yorks; 3, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; 4, Sherwood Foresters.

Three Miles.—1, 5th Fusiliers; 2, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; 3, West Yorks; 4, Sherwood Foresters. (5th Fusiliers' team in both above events—Cpl. Ross, Lce.-Cpl. Latimer, Lce.-Cpl. Bellwood, Fus. Allaker.)

Latimer was the individual winner of both races, which he won in convincing style, showing a good turn of speed over the last lap. Bellwood made an excellent pace-maker, and finished 3rd in each race. Ross and Allaker were both well up.

120 *Yards Hurdles.*—1, 5th Fusiliers; 2, West Yorks; 3, Sherwood Foresters; 4, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. (5th Fus. team—Lieut. Beckwith, 2nd-Lieut. Enderby, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, Fus. Sherburn.)

Won by about 2 yards. Sherburn got away badly, but pulled up and gave Mr. Enderby a lead of 2 yards, which he increased to about 8. Stobbart was caught and just beaten out of 2nd place. Mr. Beckwith caught the leader and won. A stiff breeze made hurdling very difficult for Sherburn and Stobbart.

Long Jump.—1, 5th Fusiliers; 2, West Yorks; 3, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; 4, Sherwood Foresters. (5th Fus. team—Fus. Urwin, Fus. Sherburn.)

Both jumped well over 20 ft. and came out winners by a few inches. The standard throughout this competition was high.

High Jump.—1, 5th Fusiliers; 2, West Yorks; 3 (tie), Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and Sherwood Foresters. (5th Fus. team—2nd-Lieut. Sperling, Lce.-Sjt. Purcell.)

Both cleared 5 ft. 3 ins., and were left to jump for individual honours, which Purcell eventually won.

Shot.—1, 5th Fusiliers; 2, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; 3, Sherwood Foresters; 4, West Yorks. (5th Fus. team—Lieut. Beckwith, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart.)

Won very easily by about 10 feet.

Pole Jump.—1, 5th Fusiliers; 2, West Yorks; 3, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; 4, Sherwood Foresters. (5th Fus. team—Lce.-Cpl. Macdonagh, Fus. Sherburn.)

Sherburn, with a jump just under 10 ft., beat last year's Army Champion.

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The whole team showed very good form, and, although in a team championship, where every man's performance counts, it may seem invidious to make distinctions, the following are worthy of mention for specially good performances:—Lce.-Cpl. Macdonagh in 100 Yards, Fus. Jackson in 440 Yards, Lce.-Cpl. Latimer in 880 Yards, 1 Mile and 3 Miles, Fus. Sherburn in Pole Jump.

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In addition, the following newcomers made a welcome first appearance for the Battalion, and thoroughly justified their selection:—2nd-Lieuts. Sperling and Enderby, Lce.-Cpls. Scanlon and Bell, Fus. Allaker.

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Next year, when at last we shall be nearer home, we hope to make our presence felt at the Army Sports.

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Times of Relay events were not recorded, and anyway would afford no criterion as the grass track was very soft, and a high wind blew down one side of the track.

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The following were prize-winners in the N.I.D. Individual Sports:—

Mile and 3 *Miles.*—Lce.-Cpl. Latimer (H.Q. Wing).
Discs.—Lce.-Cpl. Anderson (M.G. Coy.).
Shot and *Hammer.*—Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart ("X" Coy.).
Pole Jump and *Hurdles.*—Fus. Sherburn ("X" Coy.).
High Jump.—Lce.-Sjt. Purcell ("Y" Coy.).

Inter-Company Athletics.

These took place on 18th and 19th June, in very showery weather.

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"X" Company were hot favourites, but they only beat "W" Company by the narrow margin of 4 points.

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Though "X" Company won the sprints and field events, they lost heavily on the long distances, which were shared by "W" Company and H.Q. Wing.

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"W" Company also won the Medley Relay—the most valuable race of the day, and were 2nd in all the sprints.

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This was the first competition to be run on the new five-Company organisation, and it was excellent to see the two new Companies holding their own.

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The result was :—

1,	" X " Company	64 points.
2,	" W " Company	60 ,,
3,	H.Q. Wing	42 ,,
4,	M.G. Company	26 ,,
5,	" Y " Company	12 ,,

N.I.D. Transport Turn-Out and Driving Competition.

The complete transport of all Units in Northern Ireland District being at Ballykinlar for the Machine Gun Concentration, it was decided to wind up the Concentration with a Turn-out and Driving Competition. Lt.-Col. Robinson, R.A.S.C., very kindly came down from Belfast to judge.

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For the Turn-out Competition each Unit entered a team of two four-horsed limbers. The chief points taken into consideration by the judges were the general condition of animals, and the state of harness and saddlery, after the strenuous work of the preceding fortnight. In all these respects our team was well ahead of the other Units, and came out winners by a comfortable margin. Possible marks were 20, and marks awarded to Units were as follows :—Fifth Fusiliers 18, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers 15, Sherwood Foresters 13, West Yorkshire Regt. 8.

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In the Driving Competition, Units were allowed to enter as many four-horsed limbers as they liked up to a maximum of three. The FIFTH entered two teams. The course consisted of two fairly stiff banks, and a series of gates and blocks. Points were deducted for each gate or block touched, and for any time taken in excess of 1½ minutes. An additional 25 marks could be gained for style. In this event the FIFTH swept the board, our two teams being placed first and second. First place was taken by Lce.-Cpl. Postill and Fus. Barton with 70 points out of a possible 75. Fuslrs. Allcroft and Gullon were second with 68 points. A team from the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers was third.

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These successes could only be achieved by really hard work, and great credit is due to Sjt. Humphreys and the drivers for obtaining such excellent results.

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Nor must the remaining members of the Transport be forgotten, for one and all turned to with a will and spent all their spare time helping to clean harness, polish limbers, and do any job they could find, in addition to doing their own work.

MY DREAM.

(*With apologies to W. S. Gilbert.*)

Quite late last night—or so 'twould seem—
I had a most peculiar dream ;
I dreamt that all at once I'd come
To dwell in Topsy-Turveydom.

Where clean is dirty—dirty clean ;
Where keen is idle—idle keen ;
Where sweet is bitter—bitter sweet ;
Where neat is sloppy—sloppy neat.

Where rookies, soon as they enrol—
Forsaking civvies and the dole—
Replete with military lore,
Command at least an Army Corps.

Where Officers, to push their way,
Must learn some nonsense every day,
And in the schools are simply herds
Of Colonels sitting for their " thirds."

Enlisted boys, so people say,
Drill Serjeant-Majors every day ;
And, oft as not, some witless clod
Is sent to join the awkward squad.

On mounting Guard they always pick
The dirtiest ruffian for the " stick "—
In fact, unless they're really scruffy,
The Adjutant gets mighty huffy.

The sole exception to this rule
Is taught in every Army school :
" To be a sanitation man
You must be always spick and span."

Our N.C.O.'s, in duty bound,
Check all offenders who are found ;
But these defaulters lie in bed ,
And Serjeants do C.B. instead.

Our Quartermaster's sole delight
Is checking vouchers day and night :
" Receipts and issues " form the toil
For which he burns the midnight oil.

But there a mere B 108
Arouses his undying hate ;
Discrepancies in 293's
Are things which never fail to please.

But though a soldier, as I said,
Enlists with learning in his head,
His mind must be an utter blank
If he would rise to any rank.

" How odd!" I said to one poor fool ;
" You violate our ev'ry rule!
Why, even wrong you say is right,
And as for black, you call it white!"

" Tut-tut!" said he with scornful hoot,
" You *are* an empty headed coot!
You think yourself a clever toff!
Why, we begin where you leave off!

Your Generals are very far
Less learned than our soldiers are!"
I thought awhile, and this reply
Seemed good enough to wipe his eye :—

Although your men are wiser far
Than our most famous Gen'rals are,
Your G.O.C.'s can't lick the boots
Of most of our last-joined recruits!"

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This bright reply, I grieve to state,
Arrived a little bit too late,
For as I framed it in my head,
I kicked and rolled right out of bed.

Now, how I wish that, 'stead of here,
I soldiered in that happy sphere;
For otherwise I have no notion
How ever I shall get promotion.

CRICKET.

The first round of the N.I.D. Cup was played at Comber, against the R.A.S.C. The day was cloudy and cold, and the wicket soft. Mr. Macmullen was unfortunate, in the light of after events, to lose the toss, for he might have had the credit for a brilliant strategic move in putting our opponents in to bat.

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At 11.45 the FIFTH went out to field, and at 12.10 they came back to the pavilion, having fielded. Sjt. Purcell and Cpl. Obey went through the side in the most astonishing manner, and the whole side was out for 12 runs. Both bowlers taking five wickets for 6 runs, all clean bowled. The fall of the wickets was as follows:—1 for 3, 2 for 3, 3 for 8, 4 for 8, 5 for 8, 6 for 8, 7 for 12, 8 for 12, 9 for 12, and 10 for 12.

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The FIFTH were always struggling for runs, but they could hardly be beaten in one day unless they also collapsed utterly. Mr. Sperling and Mr. Enderby hit hard without much success, while Lce.-Cpl. Pennock batted well to make top score.

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The R.A.S.C. went in again, 97 runs behind, and again started disastrously, losing 2 wickets for 2 runs, and 7 for 39. But the tail, aided by some luck, managed to make it necessary for us to go in again. However, Mr. Sperling and Lce.-Cpl. Pennock knocked off the 10 runs necessary without being separated, the FIFTH thus winning by 10 wickets.

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Fifth Fusiliers v. R.A.S.C.

R.A.S.C.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Lieut. Genders, b Purcell	0	b Purcell	0
S/Sjt. Moore, b Obey	2	run out	0
Capt. Clarke, b Obey	4	lbw, b Laing	9
Pte. Keene, b Purcell	2	c and b Laing	6
Cpl. Simpson, b Obey	0	b Laing	0
Pte. Fry, b Purcell	4	st Enderby, b Laing	13
Lce.-Cpl. Senior, b Obey	0	c and b Purcell	21
Sjt. Spittle, b Obey	0	b Obey	1
Cpl. Davidson, b Purcell	0	not out	14
Pte. Johnstone, not out	0	c Enderby, b Pyle	5
Pte. Davies, b Purcell	0	c Pyle, b Macmullen	16
Extras	0	Extras	17
Total	12	Total	102

Bowling—(1st innings).—Purcell, 5 for 6; Obey, 5 for 6.

Bowling (2nd innings).—Purcell, 2 for 28; Obey, 1 for 11; Laing, 4 for 25; Pyle, 1 for 7; Pennock, 0 for 7; Macmullen, 1 for 7.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
2nd-Lieut. Sperling, b Genders	21	not out	9
Capt. Sutherland, c Johnstone, b Genders	5		
Lieut. Macmullen, c Davies, b Genders	4		
2nd-Lieut. Enderby, c and b Genders	21	did not bat	
Capt. Powell, b Genders	4		
2nd-Lieut. Laing, c Simpson, b Fry	12		
Sjt. Purcell, c Simpson, b Fry	3		
Lce.-Cpl. Pennock, not out	23	not out	4
2nd-Lieut. Hobbs, b Senior	7		
Cpl. Pyle, b Senior	7	did not bat	
Cpl. Obey, b Senior	0		
Extras	2	Extras	0
Total	109	Total	13

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For the second round of the N.I.D. Cup we were drawn against the Sherwood Foresters, at Londonderry. It was a very trying journey by bus of 120 miles over the most primitive of roads, through practically uncharted country. We arrived on a cold and cheerless evening, and rain commenced at breakfast time the next morning, continuing until midday without intermission. However, it did clear, and cricket became possible about two o'clock. The Foresters won the toss, and chose to bat on a lifeless wicket. With a very strong wind blowing straight down the pitch, it was very difficult to maintain anything like a length at one end.

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However, we met with early success, Sjt. Purcell bowling down the wind, hitting Mr. Morrison's stumps with the total at 3. Capt. Allen and Pte. Kirk then proceeded to play sedate cricket, and put their side in a safe position. It was very difficult for the bowlers to get any life out of the wicket, the ball turning so slowly as to make it quite innocuous. The second wicket took the score to 82 before Mr. Macmullen bowled a donkey-drop, which frightened the batsman into taking cover, and then dropped on the bails.

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By tea-time Capt. Allen and Capt. Nevitt had taken the score to 130, and were still unseparated. Tea had a very bad effect on the bowlers—it may have been strawberries, but 40 more runs came in a quarter of an hour, and the batsmen were getting quite out of hand when Sjt. Purcell bowled Capt. Nevitt, 175 for 3.

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After this came a collapse, Cpl. Pyle bowling distinctly fast, with the wind behind him, and Sjt. Purcell swinging the ball a lot from the other end, having all the batsmen in trouble, and 8 wickets were down for 207.

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At this point, in order to avoid that awkward hour at the end of the day, instructions were given that the two last wickets were not to fall. These wickets managed to add 56 runs, and the close of play came with the Foresters all out for 263.

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Sjt. Purcell bowled very steadily, with little luck, and came out with an analysis of 6 wickets for 73 runs.

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The pitch had dried considerably the next morning, and the mud of the day before had caked. Opinion was, however, that the runs could be got. It soon changed. In ten minutes 3 wickets were down for 8 runs—Mr. Laing bowled by one which pitched on the leg stump and hit the off, Lce.-Cpl.

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Pennock run out through not backing up, and Capt. Sutherland lbw.

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Mr. Macmullen and Mr. Enderby raised our hopes by putting on 51 runs quickly. But when Mr. Enderby was bowled by a really good one for 18, the rest of the side collapsed, and were all out for 100.

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Mr. Macmullen played a dashing innings, and Cpl. Pyle hit with energy and discrimination. We had now one chance left —to make about 300 runs by five o'clock, and get our opponents out in two hours; this, however, was rather a forlorn hope, considering the state of the wicket. By lunch time we had lost Capt. Sutherland for 20 runs. Continuing after lunch, Mr. Sperling was out at 26, and Mr. Macmullen at 31, and Mr. Enderby at the same total. This was virtually the end. The tail made some gallant hits, but the innings closed for 70. Thus we made our exit from the N.I.D. Cup. We certainly lost to the better side on the play. But possibly our chief fault lay in losing the toss and having the worst of the wicket. We certainly did not have that share of luck we are accustomed to.

SHERWOOD FORESTERS.

Capt. Allen, c Enderby, b Purcell	101
2nd-Lieut. Morrison, b Purcell	3
Pte. Kirk, b Macmullen	21
Capt. Nevill, b Purcell	48
Lieut. Dennison, c Enderby, b Purcell	8
Lieut. Morris, b Purcell	1
Capt. Sullivan-Taylor, b Purcell	11
Pte. Getliffe, b Wilson	6
Lce.-Cpl. Cook, run out	13
Sjt. Everett, not out	40
Pte. Gray, lbw, b Pyle	4
Extras	7
Total	263

Bowling.—Purcell, 6 for 73; Obey, 0 for 38; Laing, 0 for 19; Macmullen, 1 for 70; Pyle, 1 for 43; Wilson, 1 for 6; Pennock, 0 for 7.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

	1st innings.		2nd innings.	
2nd-Lieut. Laing, b Kirk	0	b Kirk	4	
Lce.-Cpl. Pennock, run out	2	b Everett	4	
Lieut. Macmullen, c Gray, b Allen	52	b Everett	11	
Capt. Sutherland, lbw, b Gray	0	c Morrison, b Kirk	8	
2nd-Lieut. Enderby, b Kirk	18	c Nevitt, b Kirk	16	
2nd-Lieut. Sperling, lbw, b Kirk	4	b Kirk	1	
Capt. Powell, b Allen	6	c Morrison, b Kirk	0	
Sjt. Purcell, c Cook, b Kirk	0	b Everett	0	
Cpl. Pyle, not out	18	b Everett	14	
Fus. Wilson, b Kirk	0	b Everett	4	
Cpl. Obey, b Kirk	0	not out	3	
Extras	0	Extras	5	
Total	100	Total	70	

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Since our last issue it has been a very busy time for us all.

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The Machine Gunners' and Signallers' concentration has been in progress since 2nd July, and has incidentally prevented the famous billiard match, notified in our last issue, taking place owing to one of the players being temporarily detached from us on duty.

We hope, however, next month to have the match played, and a full report available for publication.

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Sjt. Wixon and family sailed from Tilbury on the ss.. *Rajputana*, on the 15th June, for a tour of duty with the Malay States Volunteers.

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We wish himself and Mrs. Wixon good luck in the new appiontment.

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Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Percy Gale, better known as "Windie," has left us for civil life, after 23 years in the Regiment.

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A Farewell Whist Drive and Dance was organised on the occasion, Saturday, 23rd June, at which he was presented with a suitably inscribed timepiece from the members of the Mess.

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During the course of the evening, R.S.M. Rowsell, on making the presentation, paid a high tribute to his excellent qualities as a Fusilier, and the valuable services he rendered in the 1st Battalion, in which he spent practically the whole of his 23 years.

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Q.M.S. Gale, in response, expressed his grief in having to leave the Battalion and Mess, in which he spent so many happy years, and said that, although he would no longer be an active member, he hoped still to be with us in spirit and would always make it a duty to pay a visit to us whenever an opportunity presented itself.

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We miss "Windie" very much, as he was always a keen supporter of the Mess. It will be noted that he took a leading part in our last three St. George's Balls, twice as President and once as Secretary, and the success of these functions proved the great interest he took in upholding the traditions of the Regiment.

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The send-off he received when leaving for his home was a sight which cannot easily be forgotten. It was really a most appropriate send-off for an Old Fusilier.

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We wish himself and Mrs. Gale good luck and many happy years to enjoy the pension which he so well earned.

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We congratulate Sjt. Holmes, who was presented with a son on the 11th June.

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We also congratulate R.S.M. Rowsell on the birth of a daughter on the 15th July.

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We hear he is now interested in a new subject—*i.e.* (Z) "Night Marching Practical."

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Congratulations to Sjts. Dennis, Croft and Lawless on their promotion.

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Three points for Arms Drill are better than none, after all.

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Owing to our usual correspondent, "Packy," at present being otherwise engaged, he apologises for not functioning this month,

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but hopes to carry on next month, when he will give a detail of the various games, etc., which have taken place in the Mess recently.

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The President of the Entertainments, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, and his Committee, Sjts. Moore and Dennis, have retired and were given a vote of thanks for the excellent manner in which they carried out their duties during their office.

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The new Committee elected are :—C.S.M. Ratliff president, and Sjts. Humphreys and Mears members.

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We are confident they will continue to provide us with the usual good evenings which have been so popular since we came to Ballykinlar.

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We expect to be very busy during the next few months getting packed up for our new station.

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We are now awaiting the proceedings of a survey board which was appointed with a view to reducing the number of articles which were considered as no longer of any service to the Mess.

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We sincerely hope they will not condemn the " Bean."

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I will now exit and leave room for " Condenser," who has a few words to say on a more scientific subject—" Radio."

WIRELESS NOTES.

Our apparatus has been overhauled, and is now giving very good service.

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The programmes thrown out by the B.B.C. recently have improved wonderfully, and again quite a number are able to enjoy a very good evening's entertainment.

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During the month, Ballykinlar was the scene of great excitement, when the detective department of the G.P.O. paid us a visit.

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It was very amusing to see the hasty retreat of the various members from the Mess when suddenly the detective van appeared on the square.

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One member, who apparently overlooked procuring his licence, was observed later making a hurried retreat with his instrument in a sack.

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The search, however, revealed nothing against the law, and a very satisfactory report was left behind by the officials.

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Owing to pressure of work, I am unable to contribute the details of No. 2 " Home-made " this month, but hope in our next issue to be able to do so.

" CONDENSER."

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

The Musketry season has dragged on and on, but now the mere rifleman dare not venture forth in case he should become entangled in machine gun fire, for the Brigade concentration is being practised at Ballykinlar.

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Sport has again played a predominant part in the month's happenings—possibly it will be explained in another column how we managed to lose one point in the Inter-Unit Championship.

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The draft for India have moved off on embarkation leave and left our ranks much depleted.

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" Nobby " and the " Rummy King " will be sadly missed.

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Current rumours suggest that the Battalion is moving to York, Catterick, Strensall and Sheffield.

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This will constitute special training for " Q " branch.

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Bandages and cold water are supplied free of all charge by No. 1 " Big Noise."

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Another Snooker Handicap has been lost, and won.

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Only 18 entrants could be mustered, but this made the whole of the games more interesting.

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Our " Jazz King " had a heavy handicap, but again managed to come in first.

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" Ten seconds dead " was a good second, and we heartily congratulate both winner and runner-up.

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Herewith games and actual scores :—

First round.

Cpl. Waterhouse	49	Cpl. Ross	33

Second round.

Lce.-Cpl. Frazer	47	Lce.-Cpl. Gray	17
Lce.-Cpl. Johnson	42	Cpl. Taylor	43
Cpl. Graham	66	Lce.-Cpl. Shield	60
Cpl. Pyle	33	Lce.-Cpl. Townsley	55
Lce.-Cpl. Scanlan	54	Cpl. Watson	47
Cpl. Waterhouse	50	Lce.-Cpl. Merton	46
Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara	65	Cpl. Woods	67
Lce.-Cpl. Humphrey	12	Lce.-Cpl. G. Johnson	24

Third round.

Lce.-Cpl. Frazer	52	Cpl. Graham	47
Lce.-Cpl. Scanlan	62	Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara	61
Lce.-Cpl. Gray	22	Lce.-Cpl. Shields	47
Cpl. Watson	37	Cpl. Woods	54

Semi-Final.

Lce.-Cpl. Frazer	45	Lce.-Cpl. Scanlan	28
Lce.-Cpl. Shields	77	Cpl. Woods	34

Final.

Lce.-Cpl. Frazer	63	Lce. Cpl. Shields	57

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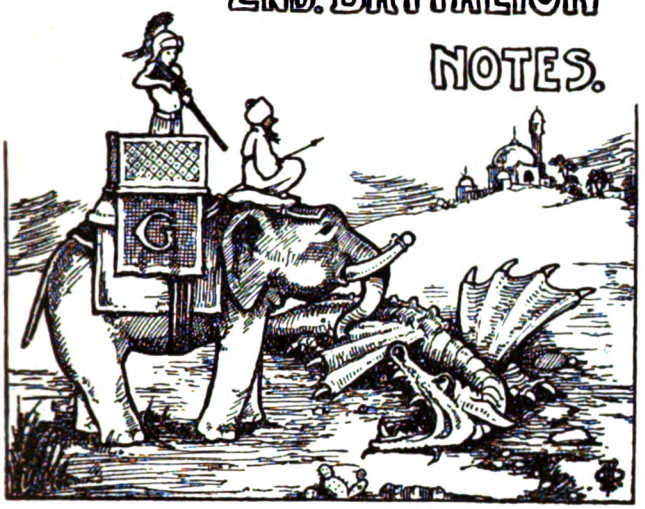
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



CHERAT,

June, 1928.

THE past month has been remarkable for nothing so much as the rapid movements of the Officers of the Battalion.

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We do not suggest that the normal method of progression from one place to another has advanced beyond the usual slow walk, and the above remarks refer only to movements in the larger sense.

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Leave is the watchword of all ranks, and whether it is an Officer piling himself, dogs, servants and baggage into a paintless and aged tenth-class American car *en route* to Kashmir, or a party of Fusiliers fighting their way into the mail car for Pabbi, thence to Murree or Mussoorie, the scene of the emotions are the same. Certainly nowhere does one have the same thrills in going on leave as in India. In England leave means a dignified progress to the station, the leisurely purchase of a ticket, an hour or two in a train and one is on leave. In India it is an adventure, and usually a prolonged one, entailing two or three days of struggle and argument before one arrives, bruised, worn-out, really ready for one's leave at one's destination.

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Messrs. Humphreys and Bucknall disappeared one morning in a cloud of dust and small stones surrounded by a bristling array of gun and rod cases. Since then the silence of the Far North has swallowed them up, but we suspect that the Gulmarg Club at 11 o'clock most mornings—however that is a libel!

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Capt. Edgeworth Johnson and Mr. Tarleton followed them closely in a harrassed "Henry," but we regretfully noticed the absence of any sporting implements at all. No doubt, however, bathing suits were modestly concealed somewhere, and fishing rods may be hired by the day in Srinagar, so we will not believe the worst.

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Messrs. Earle and Flower have returned from Kashmir, the former with two black Bears to his credit; while Mr. Collingwood has come back from the Central Provinces, having shot a Sambu and several Black Buck.

A Garrison Parade was held in Cherat on the Anniversary of His Majesty's Birthday. Two Companies and the Band and Drums of the Fifth Fusiliers, and two Companies of the 2nd Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. were on parade under the Command of Major R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O. A *feu-de-joie* was fired, followed by three cheers for His Majesty the King, and the usual holiday was observed for the remainder of the day.

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The St. George's Minstrels gave two excellent performances in Cherat during the month, and afterwards repeated them in Nowshera. Four sea shanties, sung by Mr. Bucknall, Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Steffen and Lce.-Sjt. Stevenson, was an original and successful turn; while Drum-Major Brace excelled himself as the old soldier in that old favourite, "The Army of Blobs." Mention must also be made of Fus. Walton as the knock-about comedian of the full-blooded red-nosed type who suffers unspeakable indignities for two hours a night and always comes out on top with some pertinent and crushing remark.

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Scarcely had the nerves recovered from the emotional strain of this entertainment, than they were shaken afresh by quite a satisfactory earthquake. However, as this interesting phenomenon occurred at 10 a.m. on Thursday, few people except the writer, the Orderly Officer, and the Cooks felt anything but a shaking of their beds, which no doubt was attributed to natural causes.

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We hear that Scotland has recently been seriously disturbed by the presence on various racecourses, notably Epsom and Ascot, of two strange men who gave their names as Nitram King, of Dublin, and Mr. Jorrocks. On investigation it was found that these men had brown knees, which led the C.I.D. with unfailing logic to comb India for their antecedents. We were glad to inform Scotland Yard that the suspects were Officers who so far had not been found out in any major crime, but were inclined to revert to type after lunching well. We suggest that the bookmakers might need some protection from the King of Dublin.

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We congratulate Mr. Tarleton on passing the "B" examination for promotion.

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A cricket match played at Cherat, in June, against the 2nd Bn. K.O.Y.L.I., resulted in a win for the latter.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Once again we have settled down in that salubrious (?) spot near the Afghan Frontier, where the temperature has no objection to reaching 160 deg. F. in the shade. My reader is under the impression that Cherat is a Hill Station. Your surmise is correct, but for a Hill Station this place is decidedly gurrum—a statement with which all residents—including the Maid of the Mountains—will readily concur.

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There are two tennis courts for the W.O.'s and Serjeants of the station. In two tents pitched near the courts one can sit and criticise the players, or indulge in draughts of cool and refreshing beverages. The refreshment department is the special care of Tug Willson, who is in his element when ensuring the serving of cool ambrosial nectars. (Of course, we know he is saving up to go home—but that is beside the issue.)

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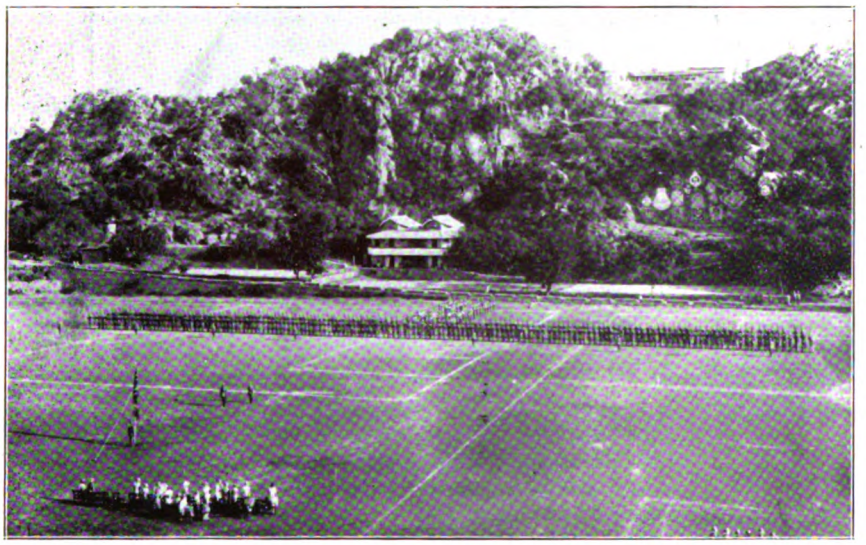
Our "Tin Tournaments" have been a huge success. For the benefit of the uninitiated it is explained that members do not go on the courts arrayed in "tin armour," although when some gents are hitting out this form of protection would be most serviceable. To arrive at an explanation without further interpolation it must be told that competitors bring a tin of salmon, tin of cigarettes—aye, even of Ovaltine—and the winning pair divide the spoils. (It is a matter for regret that dear old McEwan (of Edinburgh) does not produce some form of nourishment in tins.)



KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE, CHERAT, 1928.

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The winners to date are W.O.Instr. (Edin.) Murdoch, partnered by Miss Brady (R.S.M. of the K.O.Y.L.I.), and Sjt. Holdsworth (I.C.C.), partnered by Mrs. Warr. This pair beat C.Q.M.S. Parkins and Mrs. Gibson by 7—5, after being down 3—0 and 5—3, a triumph of tactics over tennis for Holdsworth, who oblivious of his partner darted all over the court, and single-handed did "hold the foe in play," thus excelling the feat of Horatius, who relied on two partners to hold the bridge.

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Our Saturday night Dances have proved very attractive, judging by the large numbers that turn up to do honour to Terpsichore. While it is agreed that worshipping at the shrine of Bacchus is a glorious if not glorifying way of ending the week, certain of our members would do well to remember that Miss Terpsichore is a goddess, and a jealous one at that.

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It is highly probable that a further inroad on the "presentation fund" will be necessary if Cyril Parkins pursues his wooing way, but I grant you he will not be lacking in congratulations. If rumour lies not, Sjts. Palmer and Pearson have already embraced matrimony. I believe Pearson looked very smart as he walked up the aisle in his spats, and er-, etc. etc., of course. This appears to have been a "very posh affair," and it makes us wonder whether he will bring back with him his "silk hat." I have been informed that his fair spouse composed the "Aisle Altar Hymn."

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A "six-a-side" billiard match, in the Officers' Mess, took place recently between the Officers and W.O.'s and Serjeants. The Officers won by 7 wickets (the scribe is not responsible for this result, nor can he explain its meaning, but it is duly reported as handed in). Serjts. Wood and Dalby won their games with Capt. Cooper and Mr. Bradford respectively; and C.S.M. Pollard was well beaten by Major Booth. Tug Willson succumbed to the Adjutant, Mr. Humphreys displaying skilful tactics to great advantage, a steady "flow" of reinforcements contributing to the downfall of Tug (he wishes me to add that this must not be taken literally).

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Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming a new member in the person of Lce.-Sjt. Evans, of Jazz Drum fame.

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Cpl. Smith has been made Provisional Acting-Quartermaster-Serjeant of "D" Company, and in consequence has been elevated to Provisional Acting Unpaid Lance-Serjeant. We

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cordially welcome anyone with such fine long titles, but sympathise with Smith in that more work does not mean more pay. Dear reader, I can fathom your thoughts. You say to

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yourself, "But virtue is its own reward." Now, don't you think this saying deserves a long, long rest.

"MAC."

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

These notes should be an interesting account of the month's doings and undoings, etc., as the writer has gained the assistance of one who is a clerk by trade and a soldier in his spare time, and perhaps we may be able to introduce the spirit of the scribe in a professional manner.

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A pleasing addition to the number in the "Dugout" has been made with the termination of the N.C.O.'s Class, and we welcome the following Lance-Corporals, and congratulate them on their appointment:—Lce.-Cpls. Wilks, Topham, Scott, Clayton, Carleton, Dickinson, Arrowsmith, Gray, Muir, Loughlin, Atkinhead, Davies, Bennett, Fairs, Cockrin, McRae, Chance, Atkinson, Evens, Kerrigan, Whittle, Addison, Bloomfield and Powell.

THE REGIMENTAL ATHLETIC TEAM.

WINNERS, PESHAWAR DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEETING, 1927-28.

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We have gained the above, but we regret the loss of Cpl. Evans (he of Jazz Drum fame). His smiles, jokes and curses we shall see and hear no more; however, congratulations and all that stuff. The Serjeants' Mess have claimed him. (Poor old Dick!)

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Our friends at Khanspur and Nowshera do not communicate with us much, but we suspect them of having some gay times, especially at the former place. Whatever they are doing, it seems to be good for the "Shooting Eye" or the "Marking Hand"—we are not sure which, but it seems to be the fashion to wear Cross Guns up there.

We regret to state that the gramophone is still in a very poor state of health. Shush! we fear for its life. Many members have given up hope of recovery and have refused to render any further assistance. The writer is afraid that the result will be a reproduction of the harp that hangs on someone's wall. (What's that, "Tehara"?) I will certainly look it up, but I thought the information would be given by one of you first-class candidates.

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There is a well-known song about "What happens after the Ball," but we wish to know what happens after the Dance. Judging by the number of sodas consumed the following morning, one still wonders.

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However, this merely indicates the fact that the Dances which have been held this month were a huge success, and the Committee is to be congratulated on its effort to lighten the gloom and "nothing to do feeling" which has descended on Cherat.

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The billiard table has been assembled once more, and if the player keeps in the fairway and avoids the rough, takes notice of the Ref's whistle and bullys correctly, avoids the bunker near the 10 skittle spot, he may, if he is really good, win a Love Set. It is brought to notice that players must have one foot in baulk when playing a ball in the centre of the table.

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Speaking of rules, Lce.-Cpl. Abc and Lce.-Cpl. 123 were seen playing football at 5 a.m. one bright morning this month, with two topees for one goal and two cheese tins for the other; now, there were only these two playing (the ball was a pair of socks rolled up and tied with an old puttie string). We ask you, could either man be off-side? and yet the game ended in an argument about the off-side rule. "Is it British?"

"A" COMPANY NOTES.

GAMES NOTES.

In spite of the single playing "field" which is used for football, hockey and cricket, there has been a certain amount of athletic activity this month.

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In Nowshera, No. 1 and No. 4 Platoons gained equal points in the "A" Company Platoon Championship. The winner was to be decided by one football and one hockey match at Khanspur, and if each Platoon won one match the total number of goals was to decide the issue. No. 1 Platoon won the football by 4 goals to 1. In an excess of zeal, the ball was kicked

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out into the bare atmosphere which is the boundary on one side of the ground. It was never recovered, and the discussion as to whether the winning team should pay for it has not yet been settled. Defaulters are now posted to guard this boundary. The hockey was won by No. 4 Platoon with a score of 1 goal to nil.

THE REGIMENTAL HOCKEY TEAM.

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A football tournament was got up this month for teams from the garrison of Khanspur and Ghora Dhaka. Thirteen teams entered—the four Platoons of "A" Company, four teams of Squadron details from the 4/7th Dragoon Guards and 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, and one team from the details of "E" Battery R.H.A. This was arranged one Sunday morning when, to our horror, it was discovered that the 4/7th Dragoon Guards returned to Sialkot the following Friday. When a proposal was put up that the tournament should be postponed until the next hill party of the 4/7th Dragoon Guards arrived, it was found that the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards went down within a week of the new arrivals coming up. The twelve matches were therefore rushed off in four days, at the rate of three games each evening. Luckily we were not interrupted by the monsoon. The first evening the 4/7th Dragoon Guards won two of their matches and drew with No. 4 Platoon in the third. The draw was played off at Reveille the following morning, and after a hard and exciting game No. 4 Platoon was defeated by 4 goals to 1. The second evening the remaining team of the 4/7th Dragoon Guards beat No. 2 Platoon, who failed to score, but certainly deserved to, after several brilliant rushes, exhibiting a great deal of skill and dash against a very strong defence. H.Q. Squadron was the strongest team of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, and eventually reached the Final.

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On Wednesday morning, the third day, the 4/7th Dragoon Guards had a cross-country run, or really a Khud race, and this rather handicapped their teams in the evening. The elements, in the form of a very strong and dusty wind which blew up just before half-time, sided against their "C" Squadron and thwarted their efforts to neutralise the one goal lead of H.Q. Squadron of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.

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The semi-finals were played off on Thursday morning, to give the winning teams time to rest before the Final in the evening. No. 1 Platoon defeated H.Q. Squadron of the 4/7th Dragoon Guards by 5 goals to 2, and H.Q. Squadron of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards beat No. 3 Platoon by 4 goals to 1.

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The Final was a very close game, in which No. 1 Platoon beat H.Q. Squadron by 1 goal to nil. The play was rather erratic after the previous games, and neither team really got properly together, though both goal-keepers had plenty of work, and both made several brilliant saves.

THE BATTALION FOOTBALL TEAM, 1928.

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Mrs. Stanley very kindly presented the Cup to the winning team.

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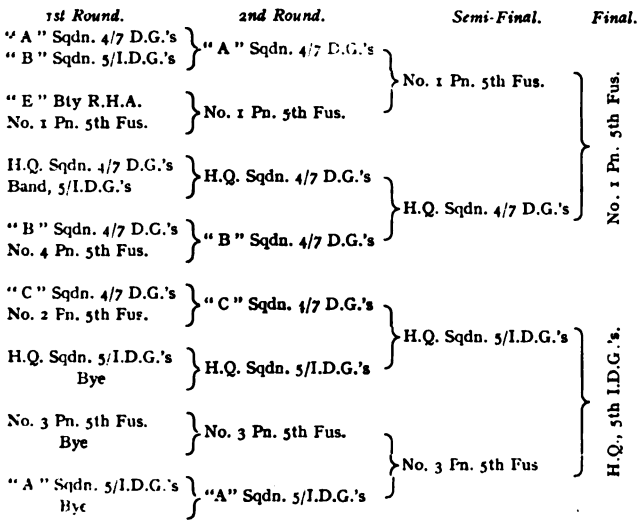

Winners of the Final were No. 1 Platoon.

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
July, 1928.

Recruiting.

SINCE the 25th of last month we have completed a Squad to a strength of 34, and these have commenced training as June Squad. Recruits are coming in slowly just now, as the Depôt The Green Howards are forming two Squads at Richmond. We do not expect to form another Squad until the end of August or beginning of September.

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Camps.

The 149th Infantry Brigade (T.A.) proceeded to camp at Marske-by-the-Sea, on 24th June, for their 14 days' Annual Training. Mr. Stockley and the Depôt Training Cadre accompanied them for the purpose of giving demonstrations ; whilst Capt. Pemberton, from the 1st Battalion, and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt also proceeded to Marske to carry out the duties of Brigade Major and Staff Captain respectively.

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Visits.

Lt.-Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., Commanding the 2nd Battalion, visited the Depôt on a tour of inspection, on 11th July. He was, so far as the writer knows, shown everything that could possibly have been shown to him, from the Mobilization Stores down to the newly-painted barrack-room boxes. The interior of the barrack-rooms are at present very spick and span, as all have recently been re-painted and coloured.

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Courses.

Mr. Pringle left on 14th July, to attend a three weeks' refresher Course in Small Arms at Hythe,

Cricket.

On 30th June, a team from Whitfield, Northumberland, met our team on the Garrison Ground. The match commenced at 2.30 p.m. Having won the toss, the visitors put us in first, and then proceeded to dismiss us for the low score of 84. Both teams then adjourned for tea. On recommencing, Whitfield made 89 for 4, defeating us finally with a score of 106—*i.e.* by 22 runs. We were fortunate in having a fine day for the match. The scores are given below :—

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Lieut. Pringle, b Leatherby	0
Fus. Nicholson, c and b Baxter	21
R.Q.M.S. Redhead, b Cole	1
Sjt. Finnimore, c and b Cole	38
Fus. Jubb, run out	0
Fus. Cuthbert, c and b Baxter	1
Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, lbw, b Baxter	10
Sjt. Bell, b Baxter	7
Sjt. Thompson, c and b Leatherby	4
Lce.-Cpl. Thornton, b Baxter	0
Fus. Dalton, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	84

WHITFIELD C.C.

A. Hewitson, c and b Thompson	20
G. Rutherford, c and b Thompson	13
L. Maughan, b Cuthbert	35
F. Cole, b Cuthbert	17
G. Baxter, b Cuthbert	5
J. Leatherby, b Cuthbert	6
W. Rutherford, b Cuthbert	0
F. Yellop, run out	0
R. Moore, c Finnimore	0
C. Rutherford, c and b Finnimore	1
P. Hutchinson, not out	4
Extras	5
Total	106

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On the 14th July, a Depôt team played a match against Gateshead St. Cuthbert's C.C., on the Garrison Ground, with the following result :—

Depôt, 123 (Fus. Nicholson 63, Lce.-Cpl. Thornton 30).

St. Cuthbert's, 128 for 2 wickets (R. Paskin 47, R. Ewart 58 not out).

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On the 21st July, a Depôt team played a match against Ridley Hall, at Ridley Hall, with the following result :—

Depôt, 72 (Sjt. Finnimore 40 ; E. D. Waite, 7 wkts. for 20).

Ridley Hall, 32 (Fus. Cuthbert, 5 wkts. for 15 ; Sjt. Finnimore, 3 wkts. for 13).

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Athletics.

On Saturday, 14th July, the 6th Battalion held their Annual Sports on the 149th Infantry Brigade Athletic Ground, Byker. We were represented in the open Relay Race by Fus. Adlard (220 yds.), Fus. Mathwin (880 yds.), Fus. Cuthbert (220 yds.) and Fus. Barnes (440 yds.). The service of C.S.M. Curtis, who was on leave at the time, was greatly missed, and our team was defeated by the Depôt, The Durham Light Infantry. Fus. Barnes, however, ran a good quarter-mile, thereby ensuring a second place for the team, who received handsome prizes.

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4th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
25th July, 1928.

THE journey to Redcar for Annual Training this year was undertaken on a perfect day by 18 Officers and 505 Other Ranks, 92.7 % of our total of 19 Officers and 545 Other Ranks.

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On the way from the station to the Camp, we marched past the Brigade Commander, whom many of us then saw for the first time.

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On arrival at the Camp, the settling in process was very quickly accomplished, and we were then free to take stock of our surroundings.

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The Camp appeared, on first sight, absolutely ideal, situated as it was on level ground, with excellent parade ground and playing ground accommodation, and barely half a mile from the popular resort of Redcar. As we were to discover shortly, it possessed in addition that priceless property for a camp, of drying quickly after rain. Throughout the whole of the first week, when it rained daily, there was never a trace of mud in the lines.

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Disquieting reports had been in circulation as to the great distances to the training areas, and the thought of sore feet before them was viewed with misgiving by many.

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These fears were happily unfounded, however, and, thanks very largely to the efforts of the Quartermaster in supplying an adequate supply of socks at a reasonable price, these quite considerable distances were covered with very few cases of sore feet in the Battalion.

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We were particularly fortunate this year in having the 72nd and 74th Field Brigade R.A. in camp with us—an excellent opportunity of liasing with the Artillery and getting to know something of their work.

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One wishes that these combined camps could be held more frequently, as one sees so little of the other arms of the Service, that one is apt to forget that they exist, to the detriment of reality in tactical exercises.

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The fortnight of Annual Training is so crowded with events, any one of which would provide a page or two of copy in the off season, that space will not permit of anything like a detailed account.

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On Sunday, 1st July, a Brigade Church Parade was held in the open, attended by all the Units in the camp. At the conclusion of the parade, Battalions marched past the Brigade Commander before returning to their lines.

The Brigade Cross-Country Run over a course of 3½ miles was run at 12 noon. The 6th Battalion had the first competitor home, and it soon became evident that there were only two Battalions in it, and that the 6th Battalion would win, and that we were a close second. Though beaten, we were not disgraced, and we congratulate the 6th Battalion on a very fine performance. We hope to turn the tables on them next year. Our team ran very well, and there was a commendable spirit of keenness amongst the competitors, of which we fielded our complete team of 40.

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The first 8 home for the Battalion were awarded prizes.

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The Battalion Sports were held on Monday, 2nd July, before an enthusiastic crowd of spectators, the Band was in attendance and provided a programme of music between events, which was much appreciated. A very good entry was obtained for all events.

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On Tuesday, 3rd July, we met the 7th Battalion in the first round of the Brigade Football Competition, and after a hard and fast game succeeded in winning by 2—1. The 5th Battalion beat the 6th the same day, thus leaving the finals on Friday between ourselves and the 5th Battalion.

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OFFICERS, 4TH BATTALION NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS, MARSKE, 1928.

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The 50th Divisional Horse Show was held on Wednesday, 4th July, at Marske; this was the first occasion on which this event has taken place. The whole show proved very popular, both with the troops in camp, and the local inhabitants, who turned up in large numbers, and we hope that it will become a yearly event.

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Teams and Individuals for the Battalion were entered for the following events and achieved success as shown against them :—

Transport Turn-out Competition.

4th Bn. Team. Highly Commended.

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Limber Driving Competition.

Fus. T. McGurk. 2nd prize.

Message Carrying Race.

"X" Company and "Y" Company Teams.

M.G. Competition.

4th Bn. Team.

Officers—Jumping.

Class A. Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O. 3rd prize.
Lieut. J. Clark.

Class B. Capt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C.

Open. Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O.
Capt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C.

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We were glad to welcome Col. A. J. Foster, O.B.E., T.D., who paid us a visit on Thursday, and were pleased that he was able to stay till the Friday, and after witnessing our victory over the enemy on the training areas was able to award his own Cup for the Champion Company to "Y" Company, the winners for 1928.

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He also presented the Co-operative Union Challenge Cup to the H.Q. Wing team, and the Adjutant's Cup for training before Camp to "Z" Company.

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The Final of the Football Championship, on Friday, proved a victory for ourselves, and the score of 4—0, fairly indicated the merits of the two teams. We hope to do well in the 50th Divisional Competition for which we have entered. The members of our team are as follows:—*Goal*, Fus. Seymour

COL. A. F. FOSTER, O.B.E., T.D., PRESENTING CUPS.

(L.E.R.) CHAMPION COMPANY CUP—WINNERS, "Y" COMPANY.
CO-OPERATIVE UNION CHALLENGE CUP—WINNERS, H.Q. WING TEAM.
ADJUTANT'S CUP—WINNERS, "Z" COMPANY.

("X" Coy.); *backs*, Fus. Weddle ("X" Coy.), Cpl. March ("X" Coy.); *half-backs*, Lce.-Cpl. Laverick ("X" Coy.), Fus. Teasdale ("Y" Coy.), Fus. Schollick ("Y" Coy.); *forwards*, Fus. Watts ("X" Coy.), Fus. Dickman (H.Q. Wing), Lieut.

COL. W. ST. A. WARDE-ALDAM, D.S.O., INSPECTING THE COOK-HOUSE.

Neville (H.Q. Wing), Fus. Gray ("X" Coy.) and Lce.-Cpl. Tiffin ("Z" Coy,).

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Saturday was a day of packing and rest after the strenuous training, athletic and social activities of the past, and we were all loth to return home on Sunday after a most enjoyable and withal instructive fortnight.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Since these notes last appeared we have played our annual game of soldiers, and are now civilians again.

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Camp this year was like the proverbial curate's egg—"good in parts"; and as the latter part was favoured with good weather we look back on it as a very pleasant fortnight.

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But, to go even further back, may we, as well-beaten competitors, congratulate our H.Q. team on winning the Co-operative Union Cup at the County Rifle Meeting at Ponteland, on Whit Monday? May we also congratulate the 7th Battalion on again wresting the Lambton Cup from us?

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It seems strange to think that Marske is now only a memory and one more name to be added to the list of camps on the Battalion Flag Pole. But it will be some time before we forget all the outstanding events of this year's Annual Training—two rum rations in the first week and one of them on the second night!—that almost makes a wet camp worth while to some of us!

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Then the Horse Show, on the finest day of the whole fortnight! But probably what most of us will remember is the march out to "D" area, and the real live shell holes out there!

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Though it is not for us to speak of the Champion Company Cup, yet the writer, having had only a very small part in the happy result, feels justified in congratulating the N.C.O.'s and men on again putting the name of "Y" Company on the base of this Cup.

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In connection with the above, let other Companies note that we did it in spite of the fact that our Serjeant-Major was speechless throughout most of camp, owing to a bad cold. A real case of "All done by kindness."

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In conclusion, may we congratulate "Z" Company on winning the Adjutant's Cup this year?

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

SERJEANTS' MESS.

It is regretted that no notes were forwarded last month. However, it is hoped that those who expected to see any in last month's issue will overlook this.

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In the Northumberland County Association Rifle Meeting, three of our members were included in a team of four which was successful in winning the Co-operative Union Challenge Cup. Congratulations to them on their achievement. The members were:—C.S.M. T. Brown, Sjt. R. Milburn, and Sjt. W. Turner.

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We congratulate the undermentioned members on their promotion, and welcome the new members to the Mess:—

Sjt. Mitchinson to W.O. Class 2 C.S.M.
Lce.-Sjt. McHugh to Serjeant.
Lce.-Serjeant Noon to Serjeant.
Cpl. Turner to Serjeant.
Cpl. Delaney to Lance-Serjeant.

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On the 24th June, great excitement prevailed owing to the move to Camp for Annual Training. Prior to leaving the Drill Hall, the scene was one of great activity. In the midst of the hustle one could see certain members moving towards the Mess. Reason not known.

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We arrived in Camp in glorious sunshine. After things in general were quietly settled one could again see certain members making haste in the direction of the Mess. This time the reason *was* known.

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On the whole, we had quite a good time at Camp, and I think all were sorry to leave that beautiful spot by the sea.

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Several humorous incidents were recorded regarding tactics in the field. One member simply rushed to me with a message form and started to expound. In fact, I thought he would *explode*.

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It appears that during the operations he sent a message to Company Headquarters, giving information as to the strength, position, etc., of the enemy, stating the action taken by him. The answer came back, "Keep out of the Hayfield."

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One must remember that certain parts of the training area were "out of bounds." Never mind, G——, all is fair in love and war. Roll on, next Camp!

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Prowling through the "lines" in early morning, one saw some amusing sights. In our last notes, a "fine sight" was described as "a C.Q.M.S. playing the piano in Drill Order." What about the C.Q.M.S. who *shaves* in Drill Order plus CAP S.D.?

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He certainly was ready for parade. SAFETY FIRST!

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Moments of uncanny excitement. Imagine one's feelings when one tries to salute smartly and knocks off one's cap!

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However, here we are again at Newburn, under "Peace conditions," carrying on with our usual toil. The memory of those pleasant times will remain until next Camp.

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5th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,

27th July, 1928.

THE writer must apologise for the non-appearance of last month's notes, but seeing that we were all busy getting ready for Marske, the *Gazette* Notes went by the board.

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Camp has come and gone, to the relief (or otherwise) of everyone.

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One and all voted it a jolly good Camp, with the disadvantage of rather distant areas.

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The first week we had to endure the rain as per usual; we must record, however, to the credit of the L. & N.E.R., that the train on Sunday arrived only five minutes late. The second week in Camp was fine for the most part.

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Now to get down to our diary. The first week seems to be a record of daily rain prefixed by mysterious symbolic "B's." Training for the first week was under Company arrangements, while the Signalling and Machine Gun Sections were brigaded.

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On the Monday and Tuesday evenings, lectures were given by Col. P. C. S. Hobart, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., and our Brigade Commander. These lectures proved very instructive. On Thursday, the 28th, the Battalion marched to the distant Area, the cookers accompanying the Companies. On the Area, the men received some hot tea, which was very acceptable. The march was a good test of march discipline, and the Battalion acquitted itself very creditably. On Friday, our old friend, Mr. Rain, visited us very early in the morning, choosing, of course, the day of the Brigade Commander's Inspection. The Battalion Intelligence Section seemed in force that morning.

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The Battalion first of all stood on the parade ground, then the I.S. sent word round to withdraw to the Company Dining Tents. Out came old King Sol for a breath of fresh air, and the wires went round for Companies to reappear for trial by ordeal in the following order, etc. Next, Mr. Rain regained the upper hand, and once more Companies were withdrawn to tents.

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Telegrams were then received for I.S., which read as follows:

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"Companies will parade by Platoons," so out filed the Platoons, "in slow succession still."

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Finally, O.C. Companies were waiting for radio messages requesting the appearance of the men, one by one.

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O.C. Companies seemed fairly satisfied with the inspection, so far their comment is needless.

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On Sunday, 1st July, the Church Parade took place—this year in the form of a Drumhead Service.

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The Brigade Cross-Country Run took place on this day, and was won by our old friend the 6th Battalion. Unfortunately Mr. Beesley, who finished 3rd last year, was crocked, or we might have put up a better show.

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We perhaps made up for this by beating the 6th Battalion in the Brigade Football Competition by 5 goals to 3, after a thrilling game. No score resulted for some considerable time, until the 6th Battalion scored from a penalty, after sharp changes the 5th equalised. The score mounted to 2—2, and then the 6th seemed to get the best of the game for some time. Towards the end the 5th rallied, bringing the score up to 5—3 in their favour. In the final, against the 4th Battalion, we were unfortunate to lose a hard game, the score being 4—0.

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Towards the end of our training, the Brigade Field Day was held on the far Area. The 5th and 6th attacked the 4th and 7th, and were successful in bringing the issue to a favourable conclusion. The 5th attained their objective very quickly, and were then held up for some time. After an hour we were "checked out" again and were soon at grips with the enemy's main defences, with the result stated above. A feature of the show was the co-operation of the R.A.F. and the Royal Artillery, both of whom were able to teach us some little points we are apt to overlook. The cookers were again taken out, and the men were served with hot stew after the battle.

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Meanwhile the C.O., Major, Adjutant, Company Commanders and M.G. Officers negotiated the slippery heights to have a pow-wow under Brigade auspices.

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I am specially requested to inform all and sundry that "D" Company (O.C., Capt. G. M. I. Stanley) won the Company Cup in Camp, and it must be said that they were deserving of it. They further added to their laurels by having the best Platoon, No. 13 Platoon (Sjt. Cross), who were awarded the Platoon Efficiency Cup given by Captain W. H. Leete, D.F.C. We must also add that "D" Company celebrated the occasion in style, it being difficult to say who celebrated the Company's success most—the men or the Company Officers.

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Now for our Guest Night. This year we had two—our official Guest Night being Wednesday, 4th July, the day of the Horse Show. We had, however, an informal evening on Friday, 29th June, when the fun waxed fast and furious. Many of our old friends came to visit us, including Major P. P. Phillips and Major D. Hill. Unfortunately, or otherwise, we had not the exciting sport of being towed in red-hot cars in the rear of super sports, and a proposed dirt track did not materialize.

The tit-bit of our second Guest Night was undoubtedly the Donkey Racing, when senior Officers might have been seen disporting themselves rearwards on the honest moke. The best show was put up by the Brigade Commander, who, sitting back to front, defied the whole assinine tribe to dislodge him.

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Our strength in Camp was 14 Officers and 527 Other Ranks.

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On Wednesday, 4th July, the Horse Show was held. Here the Infantry had to compete with such equestrians as the Royal Artillery and the R.A.S.C., and let it be whispered the R.A.M.C. In the jumping our representatives were Major Peatfield, M.C., and Capt. Carlile.

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We were not, however, able to record any great measure of success.

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In the Machine Gun Competition, however, the 5th Battalion managed to record a win. The men were very smart in getting off the mark, and in loading, and grest credit is due to the driver for his smart handling of the horses, and to the team for their quickness in dismounting the guns and packing the limber. They won by nearly two minutes, the 7th Battalion being second and the 6th Battalion third. The occasion was duly celebrated.

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The Horse Show was an innovation, and undoubtedly proved a success, and we hope that it will be repeated next year.

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A very interesting inter-communication exercise was carried out on Wednesday morning. Companies were allotted frontages in a defence scheme, the sole object being the forwarding to and interpreting of messages from Battalion Headquarters and inter-Company communication.

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Many and varied were the messages received, among them being our old favourite "Whatever can the matter be," and its response.

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Looking back on Marske Camp, now that Father Time has dimmed the memory of all our mistakes and the raps over the knuckles which we received, we must admit that the Camp compares very favourably with those of former years.

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We welcome Mr. B. Gray into the Battalion, and hope that his stay will be long and profitable to himself.

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Our present strength is 19 Officers and 566 Other Ranks.

6th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
July, 1928.

SOME camps with us are long remembered, and some forgotten as quickly as possible, but Marske of 1928 will remain "photographically lined on the tablets of our mind when a yesterday has faded from its page."

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It is true the weather began badly and visions of nights in the open and wet weather programmes (that strain so much

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the Company Commander's imagination) were all to the fore for the first few days; but on the whole, while the enemy's attitude was always more or less hostile, the climatic conditions were not really bad.

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An almost inaccessible training area added greatly to the efficiency of march discipline, though one would like to see a Territorial Army camp where marching and training could be reasonably combined with a conclusion of all parades and inspections by 3 p.m.

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It says a great deal for the natural bent for athletic exercise in all Britons that our men (with a large percentage soft and out of work) were capable of meeting the situation and putting up with some real tough days even in the first week. The second week presented no great difficulties from the physique point of view, and rarely, if ever before, have we had a healthier camp, or a camp more full of genuine men who were out to play their part.

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A contributor from one particular Battalion should hesitate before he criticises the actual training, but it seemed clear that the Section Leaders, with their careful training during the past year were both capable and keen to display their abilities. A full Company, Platoon or Section is always a joy to command compared to a skeleton force, and the comparatively few chances the respective leaders had in the field was almost the only slight on the fortnight's training.

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Serjeant Buchanan had a great many bouquets thrown at him, both on the stage and off, and the married Officers and N.C.O.'s who were fortunate enough to have visits from their belongings, lost no time in showing off the cookhouse and explaining how things ought to be done at home. The C.O.'s suggestion that the jelly should be issued in Company Colours, and patches put on the burst sausages, will be attended to next year.

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We had several official visits to the Camp, but our own personal friends were as loyal as ever, and we were proud to see three of our old Commanding Officers—Colonel Erskine, Colonel W. H. Ritson and Colonel A. D. S. Rogers. We could show them a good Camp—clean lines, good work and good food; and we hope they were impressed by the presence in Camp (and for the full fortnight) of 100 per cent. of our Officers and 100 per cent. of our W.O.'s and Serjeants—a record that may have been equalled, but obviously never excelled.

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Of the official visits we dare make no comment, but we were honoured by the presence in Camp of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Reginald B. Stephens, K.C.B., C.M.B. (Director-General of Territorial Training); Lieut.-Gen. Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., G.O.C. Northern Command; Major-Gen. H. W. Newcombe, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., G.O.C. the 50th Northumbrian Division.

Colonel Sir Reginald May, the Chief of Staff, Northumbrian Command, also saw our lines, or as much as we could show him, when he had recovered from the sight of our drying tent, complete with braziers and lines.

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The sump pits were the chief difficulty of the Camp area, and in spite of every effort to keep the cookhouse properly drained, there seemed every prospect of our handing over four complete swimming baths to the Green Howards. A civilian who worked incessantly day and night with a travelling reservoir met a difficulty beyond the Army's scope, and certainly deserved a "mention." One hopes he got extra duty pay.

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Of the training itself, it may safely be said we all learnt a lot, and, conscious as we are of each other's infirmities, we profited either as a Company or as a Battalion in seeing others perform a task that was or might some day be ours. The ground itself was ideal, and possessed the best features we have so far struck since the war.

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MARSKE.—OFFICERS, 6TH BATTALION NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

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A record of our Sports events of all kinds is given below, and on the whole we may congratulate ourselves on the part we played. A victory in the Brigade Cross-Country Run is always a welcome sign of good team work, and to the steady plodders who finished in bulk between the twenties and thirties we offer our warmest praise. Sjt. Fife, whose narrow victory from Fus. Timney, of the 5th Battalion (a runner we had heard a deal of), we congratulate heartily. He has now won the race two years running, and sets a great example in keenness, both in soldiering generally and in sport, to all young Fusiliers.

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We were defeated in the first round of the Football Cup by the 5th Battalion, and can only explain this by saying we met a better team.

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Capt. Dawson won the Duke's Cup with "D" Company, for General Training, March Discipline and Guards. We con-

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BRIGADE GUARD—"B" COY, 6TH BN. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

gratulate him on his third successive win, and also on his victory for the Worsley-Gough Cup for General Turn-out, Good Lines, and Administration.

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The Musketry Cup was won by "C" Company (Capt. Carrick), and the Winter Training Cup by "D" Company.

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Quite one of the Battalion features in Camp was our Recruits' Boxing Contest, organised by Capt. Rutherford. The evenings for this proved thoroughly enjoyable. Good clean fighting was seen, and the events were all exceedingly popular. Sjt. Welsh proved as ready as at the Drill Hall to fix the ring, dress the competitors, and wash the face of all and sundry.

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We were formally inspected by our Colonel Commandant on the 28th June, and while there are arguments in favour of a later inspection, when all ranks have found their way to the ablution benches, we certainly learned early what was really required, and had time to remedy or attempt to remedy, many obvious defects.

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With the Colonel Commandant, the Officers again had the hospitality of the Serjeants' Mess at their Smoking Concert, and once again we heard the R.S.M.'s reminder of the one drill word we hope never to forget. It was a thoroughly good evening, and we are more than grateful for the kindness and thought shown to the Officers by the Serjeants' Mess. Mutual support is, as it should be, a recognised factor with those who served in the Great War, but we are proud and pleased to see the same spirit between those that follow after.

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Our Machine Gun Section, under Lieut. France, has had a thoroughly busy time in Camp; they made a very good show in the competition at the Horse Show—may we say a competition very exacting and most carefully organised? Our party were not the winners, but gave early evidence of good training, and *esprit-de-corps*. Their duties in Camp were not light, but one admires the whole-hearted way the Section pulled together; and above all, we tender our best congratulations on their victory at Ponteland when they won the Bourne Cup—a trophy duly presented on the day we left Camp. Great things are expected from them next year, and we hope to see the same Section intact.

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The Signal Section also did well, and with 13 out of 14 qualifying for a test guaranteed harder than before, much valuable knowledge has been absorbed into the Battalion. Their chances for obvious skill are unfortunately few, but on field days they played their part well and made the Company Commanders realise, even if they have no sprinters with them, that communication in other ways is still possible.

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Divisional Horse Show.

The following Classes were open to Infantry Battalions, and our successes or failures are noted below:—

In Class 1 our Battalion was 3rd for G.S. Wagon Turn-out.

In Class 3 our competitor for the G.S. Wagon Driving was not placed, but Lce.-Cpl. Boyle appeared to have hard luck and gave a capable exhibition.

In Class 5—a Driving Competition for a G.S. Limber—Fus. Clegg was not placed, but filled an emergency post at the last minute, with a strange pair, and did well.

In Class 10—a Message Carrying Race—in which the great feature was a sprint by C.S.M.'s, which drew abnormal crowds, Capt. Rutherford with his athletic "B" Company were the winners. Capt. Graham, for "A" Company, was a very good second, and rarely, if ever before, has the true value of a Company Commander's charger been shown to the public.

In Class 11—a Machine Gun Competition—we started in full sail and looked like winning easily. Some hitch over belts, however, robbed our chances, and we finished a modest 3rd. The general keen competition and efficiency all through the Brigade shown in this race was very flattering to the Brigade Machine Gun Instructor.

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In the Officers' Jumping Contests our Commanding Officer tried his horse, but was not placed. The lavish display of

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BAND, 6TH BN. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

whitewash appeared to disturb the mounts, who were less accustomed to it than the riders.

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Sports Day.

Sports Day, on Saturday, 14th July, was welcomed by really good weather, a good attendance, and keen competition. Byker Racecourse is ideal for the day, and a balmy zephyr from the direction of St. Anthony's kept the area reasonably cool.

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The Officers' Mess and the Serjeants' Mess had their respective marquees and entertained their guests—or, what generally happens on a busy day, left the guests to entertain themselves.

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All other ranks were provided with family tickets, and were given tea and cakes. We would once more like to thank our Quartermaster, Mr. Ouzman, for the great help he gave, and for the way he organised this complex part of the programme.

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" C " Company won the Sports Cup, to the narrow margin of 3½ points, from " B " Company. The results were decided on a method carried out by our Regular Battalions, and are trained entirely by team work. Capt. Graham organised the work, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for the time and trouble involved in running the day on entirely new lines.

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Recruits' Boxing Results.

Fly-Weight.—Fus. Clarke (H.Q.) beat Fus. Rutherford (" A " Coy.) in the final.

Bantam-Weight.—Fus. Fawcett (" B " Coy.) beat Fus. Kirvin (" B " Coy.) in the final.

Feather-Weight.—Fus. Beresford (" C " Coy.) beat Fus. Morning (" C " Coy.) in the final.

Light-Weight.—Fus. Cowen (" A " Coy.) beat Fus. Sayer (" B " Coy.) in the final.

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Battalion Cross-Country Run.

1, Sjt. Fife, " C " Coy.
2, Fus. Fairley, " A " Coy.
3, L/Cpl. Ellison, " C " Coy.
4, Fus. Minnikin, " A " Coy.
5, Fus. Cowan, " A " Coy.
6, Fus. Brennan, " D " Coy.

1, " B " Company.
2, " A " Company.
3, " C " Company.
4, H.Q. Company.
5, " D " Company.

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Brigade Football.

4th Battalion beat 5th Battalion in the final. Result, 2—0.

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Brigade Cross-Country Run.

1, Sjt. Fife, " C " Coy.
4, Fus. Minnikin, " A " Coy.
5, Fus. Fairley, " A " Coy.
10, Fus. McCabe, H.Q.
11, Fus. Scarll, " A " Coy.
15, L/Cpl. Ellison, " C " Coy.
17, Fus. Cowan, " A " Coy.
19, Fus. Wilson, " A " Coy.
20, Fus. Brennan, H.Q.
23, L/Cpl. Tomlinson, "D" Coy.
25, Fus. Brennan, " D " Coy.
26, 2/Lieut. R. E. B. Mortimer.
27, Lieut. P. Gardner.
28, Fus. Vasey, " C " Coy.
29, Fus. Storey, " A " Coy.
30, 2/Lieut. W. H. Pearey.
31, Lieut. G. L. A. France.
35, Fus. Divine, " B " Coy.
36, Fus. Merritt.
37, Capt. D. D. Rutherford.
39, L/Cpl. Thackeray, " A " Coy.

Battalion Sports Results.

Events marked (S.) counted towards the Sports Cup.

100 *Yards* (S.).—1, " C " Company (Lieut. Gillespie, Sjt. Fife, Fus. Hugh, Fus. Jobe); 2, " B " Company (Capt. Rutherford, Lieut. Gardner, C.Q.M.S. Burn, Fus. Fawcett).

Half-Mile (S.).—1, " A " Company (Fus. Fairley, Fus. Minnikin, Fus. Cowan, Fus. Story); 2, " C " Company (Mr. K. O. Potter, Sjt. Fife, Lce.-Cpl. Ellison, Fus. Vasey).

Hurdles (S.).—1, " B " Company (Capt. Rutherford, Cpl. Evans, Lce.-Cpl. Dunn, Fus. Fawcett); 2, " C " Company (Lieut. Gillespie, Sjt. Fife, Fus. Hugh, Fus. Jobe).

Sack Race.—1, Lce.-Cpl. Clarke; 2, Fus. Hugh; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Hughes.

440 *Yards* (S.).—1, " B " Company (Capt. Rutherford, Lieut. Gardner, Cpl. Evans, Fus. Fawcett); 2, " C " Company (Lieut. Gillespie, Sjt. Fife, Lce.-Cpl. Ellison, Fus. Hugh).

Open Relay Race.—1, Depôt D.L.I.; 2, Depôt 5th North'd. Fusiliers; 3, 232 Company R.E.

High Jump (S.).—1, " C " Company (Fus. Hugh, Fus. Jobe); 2, " B " Company (Capt. Rutherford, Lce.-Cpl. Dunn) and " A " Company (Lieut. Mortimer, Cpl. Fife) tie.

One Mile (S.).—1, " C " Company (2nd-Lieut. K. O. Potter, Sjt. Fife, Lce.-Cpl. Ellison, Fus. Vasey) and " A " Company (Fus. Fairley, Fus. Minnikin, Fus. Cowan, Fus. Scarll) tie.

Ladies' Race.—1, Miss Fawcett; 2, Mrs. J. Anderson; 3, Mrs. Punton.

Obstacle Race.—1, Lce.-Cpl. Ellison; 2, C.Q.M.S. Young; 3, Cpl. Weatherstone.

220 *Yards* (S.).—1, " C " Company (C.Q.M.S. Young, Sjt. Fife, Fus. Hugh, Fus. Jobe); 2, " B " Company (Capt. Rutherford, Lieut. P. Gardner, Sjt. Potts, Fus. Fawcett).

Tug-of-War (S.).—1, " C " Company; 2, H.Q. Wing.

Long Jump (S.).—1, " B " Company (Capt. Rutherford, Lieut. Gardner); 2, " C " Company (C.Q.M.S. Young, Fus. Hugh) —jumped off a tie.

Children's Races.

Boys.—1, Wm. Robinson; 2, Percy Davison.

Girls.—1, Ethel Hoggins; 2, Edith Badger; 3, Babs Sargent.

Relay Race (S.).—1, " C " Company (Lieut. Gillespie, Fus. Jobe, C.Q.M.S. Young, Sjt. Fife); 2, " B " Company (Capt. Rutherford, Lieut. Gardner, Lieut. Pearey, Cpl. Evans).

Band Race.—1, Bdsmn. Timney; 2, Bdsmn. Young; 3, Bdsmn. Badger.

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The results for the Sports Cup were as follows:—

" C " Company (*winners*) ..	51½ points.
" B " Company	48 "
" A " Company	35 "
H.Q. Wing	24 "
" D " Company	21 "

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As a matter of interest and pride we may say that we arrived in Camp, and maintained the following figures and percentages:

Present, 20 Officers and 554 Other Ranks.
Percentage of Establishment, 87.1.
Percentage of Strength, 96.18.

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On Sunday, the 1st July, the hope expressed in our last notes as to visits from our friends was fully realised, even to the char-a-banc for the Subalterns' fiancées.

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We (one exclusive) were all very pleased to see them, in spite of the fact that some of us knew they had come down prin-

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"D" Coy., 6th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers.

Winners of Winter Training Cup, 1927-28; Duke of Northumberland Cup, 1928; Worsley Gough Cup, 1928.

cipally to see how elderly professional men were surviving the rigours of a canvas life. We sat down to the number of 65, and although the "one exclusive" referred to above has been known to smile since, it has been a very forced effort.

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We were very pleased to see Colonel Rogers, our late Commanding Officer, and Mrs. Rogers; Colonel E. W. R. Pinkney, D.S.O., T.D., D.L.; Colonel S. J. and Mrs. Gillespie; Admiral Crisp; Colonel, Mrs. and Miss Stephenson; Capt. and Mrs. R. F. Harrison; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Dagleish; Messrs. Pringle and Stockley, from the Depôt; and many others. There was also a full beat-up of Officers' wives, present and future.

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No Territorial Camp can be complete without the assistance within, of the Regular Army, and we owe a debt of gratitude to the Officers of the King's Regiment who were with the Brigade as Umpires. Capt. W. B. Moorhead, of the 2nd Battalion, was our fate, and we hope an acquaintance with this distinguished Regiment will be both maintained and developed.

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Our own Regiment did us well, and, officially and socially, they were great assets towards our life in Camp. Major Chenevix-Trench (Commanding the Depôt) and Captain W. H. Braddell both paid us visits, and we had Capt. Pemberton as Brigade-Major and Mr. Holdsworth Hunt as Staff Captain. Both put us fairly in our places, and we hope there will be no retaliation when we see them in our Mess—but this is only a prophecy.

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To Mr. Stockley, too, we are much indebted, although he refused our food.

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We were glad to see Capt. F. C. Clayton back with his old love—among horses and limbers and things—and probably no one in Camp had a busier time and was less obvious to the "common soldiers." With Serjeant Shipley they put up the usual industrious show, and one marvels at the skill and patience shown by him and his satellites in making unruly draught horses perform a totally unaccustomed task. The Transport Sections' performance in the Horse Show was really good, and no praise is too great for Units that work to all hours of the dewy morning preparing every scrap of harness for a Show or an Inspection. Our lot was a good 3rd to the 7th Battalion, to whom we offer every congratulation on their Charger, Limber and G.S. Wagon Turn-out. The victors (the R.A.S.C.) had, so it is said, something folded away in tissue paper, but the Infantry Units had theirs in constant use, and trouble indeed was forthcoming if the vehicles were not available for irate Q.M.'s. Still, the winners set a high standard, and the knowledge of what would be forthcoming all tended to soldierly efficiency.

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Football.

First round.—H.Q. *v.* "C" Company. "A," "B" and "C" Companies, byes.

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Sjt. Fife, 6th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers, Winner of the Brigade Cross Country Run, Receiving the Cup from Mrs. Wilkinson (Wife of Lieut.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., Commanding the 6th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers).

Second round.—"B" Company *v.* Headquarters. "A" Company *v.* "D" Company.

Final.—"B" Company beat "A" Company by 4 goals to 1.

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" B " Company's team was as follows :—*Goal*, Lce.-Cpl. Dunn ; *backs*, Fus. Young, Fus. Fromson ; *half-backs*, Fus. Reid, Lce.-Cpl. Sloan, Fus. White ; *forwards*, Fus. Fawcett, Sjt. Potts, Sjt. Wood, Cpl. McDonald, Fus. Kay.

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Battalion Cross-Country Run.

The points for the Battalion Cross Country Run were as follows :—

H.Q.	" A " Coy.	" B " Coy.	" C " Coy.	" D " Coy.
109	209	241	196	65

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Individual placings were as follows :—

1 Sjt. Fife, " C " Coy.
2 Fus. Fairley, " A " Coy.
3 L/Cpl. Ellison, " C " Coy.
4 Fus. Minnikin, " A " Coy.
5 Fus. Cowan, " A " Coy.
6 Fus. Brennan, " D " Coy.
7 Fus. Vasey, " C " Coy.
8 Fus. McCade, H.Q.
9 Fus. Wilson, " A " Coy.
10 Fus. Fawcett, " B " Coy.
11 L/Cpl. Tomlinson, "D" Coy.
12 Fus. Storey, " A " Coy.
13 Fus. Merritt, " A " Coy.
14 Fus. Devine, " B " Coy.
15 Fus. Edgar, " B " Coy.
16 Fus. Jackson, " C " Coy.
17 Lieut. France, H.Q.
18 Fus. Muckian, " B " Coy.
19 Fus. Allison, H.Q.
20 Capt. Rutherford, "B" Coy.
21 Fus. Conway, H.Q.
22 Fus. Mulligan, " C " Coy.
23 Fus. Hann, " C " Coy.
24 Fus. Young, " B " Coy.
25 Fus. Blenkinsop, "B" Coy.
26 Fus. Spires, " B " Coy.
27 Fus. Brown, " C " Coy.
28 Fus. Sloan, " B " Coy.
29 Lieut. Pearey, " B " Coy.
30 Sjt. Johnson, " B " Coy.
31 Fus. Reardon, " B " Coy.
32 Fus. Pendleton, "B" Coy.
33 Fus. Kelly, " A " Coy.
34 Lieut. K. O. Potter, "C" Coy.
35 Fus. Fisher, H.Q.
36 Fus. Bell, H.Q.
37 Fus. See, " B " Coy.
38 Fus. Ingram, " B " Coy.
39 Fus. Emerton, " B " Coy.
40 Fus. Wallace, " B " Coy.

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Brigade Cross-Country Run.

The following were the total marks gained by the Battalions in this Run :—

6th Battalion	.. .. ..	393 points.
4th ,,	.. .. ..	256 ,,
5th ,,	.. .. ..	93 ,,
7th ,,	.. .. ..	78 ,,

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Battalions had home in the first forty as follows :—

6th Battalion	.. ..	21
4th ,,	.. ..	13
5th ,,	.. ..	3
7th ,,	.. ..	3

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Cups.

1. *Duke of Northumberland's Cup* (for Training, March Discipline and Guards)—" D " Company (Capt. F. Dawson, M.C.).
2. *Worsley-Gough Cup* (for Good Lines and Daily Turn-out)—" D " Company (Capt. F. Dawson, M.C.).
   Highly Commended—H.Q. Company (Capt. T. P. Parmeter).
3. *Winter Training Cup*—" D " Company (Capt. F. Dawson, M.C.).
4. *Bourne Cup* (Machine Gun Competition between Units, fired for at Ponteland)—H.Q. Company (Capt. T. P. Parmeter).
5. *Shooting Cup*—" C " Company (Capt. C. B. Carrick, M.C.).
6. *Football Cup*—" B " Company (Capt. D. D. Rutherford, M.C.).
7. *Recruits' Boxing Cup*—divided between " A " Company (Capt. C. S. Graham) and " B " Company (Capt. D. D. Rutherford, M.C.). Each of these Companies scored 27 points, with H.Q. 12 points, " C " Company 11 points.
8. *Battalion Cross-Country Run*—" B " Company (Capt. D. D. Rutherford, M.C.).

These Cups were all presented on the last Parade, before the Battalion moved for home, and, in addition, Medals were presented to " B " Company's team for winning the Inter-Company Football League during the winter months.

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" B " Company were also due to be presented with Medals for winning the Inter-Company Miniature Shooting Competition for 1927, but these unfortunately were not available at the last.

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A final word before we dismiss the Camp from these notes should be our praise to the Rear Party. This time it was provided by H.Q. Wing, and those members of it who worked so hard to complete a rather exacting fatigue deserve all congratulations on the way they performed their task. It is only good men and good soldiers who can undertake to remain on parade (when all others are dispersed to their waiting wives) and to carry out a really heavy job with cheerfulness and industry.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
24th July, 1928.

WE have returned to Home stations once more, after a most enjoyable, and we trust satisfactory, Annual Training, at Marske-by-the-Sea, North Yorkshire.

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The weather was never too favourable—not of the really

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BRIGADE COMMANDER'S INSPECTION, MARSKE, 2ND JULY, 1928.

fine mid-summer variety—but, on the other hand, we were neither flooded out or blown away, as happened last year—and it's a poor heart that never rejoices.

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There was plenty of wind, and a good deal of rain, but fortunately we had only to apply the "wet day programme" procedure once.

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Rum was issued on three occasions on account of the cold

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DINNERS FROM TRAVELLING KITCHENS, WILTON, 5TH JULY, 1928.

and wet. We found ourselves in complete agreement with the Senior Medical Officer in making these issues!

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From the purely training point of view, we made great strides as a Battalion in Camp this year.

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It was a pity that we were never really strong in numbers, but those we actually mustered were real good stuff, thoroughly keen and enthusiastic and out to make the Training a real success.

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"A" Company (Morpeth) marched into Camp with 100 % of its effectives. A good show.

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"D" Company (Berwick) was the weakest. It is a pity that more employers of labour do not enter into the spirit of the Territorial Army, and grant their men special facilities to attend at least one week in Camp annually.

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We started Company Training on the third day this year, as against the usual practice of continuing Platoon Training for the whole of the first week, and this proved a very sound scheme. Battalion and Brigade days occupied the latter part of the training.

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We were inspected by the Brigade Commander (Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldam) on Monday, 25th June, and he expressed himself as very pleased with the turn-out he saw.

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He made a very thorough inspection of everything—first the Battalion on parade, then at training in the field; the lines, cookhouses, etc., and finally he watched the dinners being served, and visited the dining tents.

The Training Areas were a long way from Camp, and we had plenty of marching exercise.

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In order to get more out of the days on the farthest areas we had dinners in the field thrice—real dinners from the field cookers, stew and vegetables followed by a second course.

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Fortunately on these days we were blessed with good weather and a pleasant spot to rest at, and the troops enjoyed picnicking in this way.

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On Tuesday, 26th June, we had our Inter-Company Platoon Competition for the Drill Shield.

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The judges for this competition were:—

(1) Turnout .. Capt. Pemberton.
(2) Drill .. .. Mr. Holdsworth Hunt.
(3) General .. The Brigade Commander.

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Great keenness was shown throughout the Battalion, and the following are the results:—

Company.	Test A.	Test B.	Test C.	Test D.	Total.
"A" Company—					
No. 4 Platoon	90	58	60	70	278
"B" Company—					
No. 6 Platoon	100	57	65	80	302
"C" Company—					
No. 10 Platoon	90	75	70	95	330
"D" Company—					
No. 13 Platoon	90	65	55	90	300

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The Brigade Commander, in congratulating the winning Platoon, said he had never seen anything so good outside the Brigade of Guards.

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No. 10 Platoon of "C" Company deserve great praise for the splendid show they put up—as also do the other three less successful Platoons.

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At the Brigade Horse Show, held on Wednesday, 27th June, we scored heavily in every way.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
July, 1928.

BY the time these words reach the eyes of our readers we shall have made our annual move to Scotland. There we purpose to sojourn for the next 3 months, and, while so doing, we shall carry on the editorial duties to the best of our ability, but trust to the kind hearts of our correspondents to forgive us if we find that separation from files and such like office impedimenta, prevents us from the speedy and sufficing replies to letters, which in normal times is our ambition.

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All our readers, and more particularly those who know her, will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Frend, the widow of the late Col. G. Frend, has suffered a broken thigh, due to an accident caused by her failing to see some stairs while shopping at Selfridge's. She has been laid up for two months at the Middlesex Hospital, but we are glad to be able to say that she is much better, and hopes to be able to leave the Hospital very soon.

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Mr. H. I. Morgan, the indefatigable Hon. Secretary of our Old Comrades' Association, has forwarded to us a letter he recently received from Capt. Robert Brown. We print below an extract from this letter, which paints in glowing colours the prospects of life in Manitoba. Capt. Brown commanded "W" Company 1st Battalion in 1918 and following years, till he retired to take his chance in Canada. He seems to have made pretty good, but readers who are struck by his account had better make further enquiry before starting out to pick up a million or so. Anyhow here is the extract :—

> "At present I am away up in the North Country, in fact north of 53 at the Pas. It is close to here where the big discoveries of minerals took place, of which you have no doubt heard. The Flin-Flon, Sherritt-Gordon and Callinan mines. There is a great boom here just now, and they are building two railways into the mineral belt—the Flin-Flon Railway and the Hudson's Bay Railway, the latter up to Fort Churchill, on the Hudson's Bay. This is a great country, and quite interesting and exciting, what with the Indian Reserve Crees close by, and trappers with their dog teams coming in with thousands of dollar worth of furs from their trap-lines, and prospectors, and so forth. Young Sherritt, the lad who discovered the Sherritt-Gordon had nothing, was working on the railway in fact, and when he sold his claims to a mining company became a millionaire overnight. There are dozens like him. Word is coming in every day of new and more valuable finds, and prospectors are rushing here from all over the country. It sounds like a story from a book, but nevertheless true. A young lad can get on out here if he likes to rough it a bit and stick with it, but he must be prepared to do anything and look after his money, keep his feet on the straight and narrow as much as possible, and choose his companions very carefully. Now, I don't know whether you would call this a letter or a story, but I trust it will be interesting to you. Wishing yourself and the Association all kinds of luck and good wishes."

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Letter to the Editor.

LULWORTH,
ELTHAM, S.E. 9.
18th July, 1928.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The "Carden" Shield.

I observe under this head in the Depôt Notes a kind reference to my recent gift of the Shield which the late Major-General Carden carved expressly for his greatly loved Regiment, and with your permission I should like to explain why the carving remained so long in my possession and was not presented earlier.

My husband died on the 12th February, 1894, and I have always intended to make this gift to the Regiment, but I could not make up my mind to which Battalion to send it as General Carden served with both. With the 1st Battalion he served throughout the Indian Mutiny—never missing a day; and the 2nd Battalion he commanded as you mention in your notice.

I should wish to take this opportunity also of thanking Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, who received the trophy for the Depôt, for the care and trouble he took and for the courteous and kindly letters he wrote me—quite in the "FIFTH" style, and what could be better.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
M. G. CARDEN.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

General Meeting and Social Dance at Headquarters.

ON Monday, 9th July, at Headquarters, the Association was fairly well represented at both the General Meeting and Social Dance. In the absence of our President, Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, the Chair was occupied by Brig.-General G. L. Herbert Armstrong, C.B.E.

After the General Meeting a very enjoyable evening was spent in the form of a Social Dance. We have to thank an Old Fifth Fusilier, namely Mr. R. Ahronson, late R.S.M., for organising the social side, as not only did he render some old favourites himself, but friends of his who came voluntarily assisted to make this quarterly gathering one of the most successful we have ever held.

It is therefore hoped to continue to hold Concerts, together with a Dance, at all our quarterly meetings.

The Committee trust that some of our members will help by giving their services to the harmony side, feeling that this would be the means of increasing the attendance, and further to cement that splendid *esprit-de-corps* of which we are all so proud in the FIFTH.

Membership.—The Association is still making progress.

We shall look forward to next Trooping Season for more members from the 1st, 2nd Battalions and Depôt, being assured of every support and co-operation in this direction by the Commanding Officers.

Re-Union Dinner.—We are looking forward to beating all records of attendance this year. Last year 210 were present; we want 300 this year.

Rendezvous—The Royal Hotel, Southampton Row. *Date*—Saturday, 10th November, 1928.

Unemployment.—The Hon. Secretary would again like to bring to the notice of readers of *St. George's Gazette* the fact that we have a number of the members of the O.C.A. still unemployed, and he would welcome any employment which may be forthcoming.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,

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BIRTH.

COGAN.—At Newcastle-on-Tyne, on 30th July, 1928, to C.S.M. and Mrs. C. Cogan—a son.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

ESTABLISHMENTS.

The undermentioned appointment is made:—

Lieut. W. N. C. Crawhall, North'd. Fusiliers, to be Adjutant, Hythe Wing, Small Arms School (dated 9th August).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following 2nd-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants:—J. Wallace (25th Jan., 1924); G. T. Dodds, M.M. (1st Nov., 1925); C. Wilkinson (13th June, 1926); N. H. Martin (12th Dec., 1926).

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Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,

August, 1928.

THE "slight lull," mentioned in last month's notes as having "set in," have now decidedly "set out," and the period 8th to 18th August has been distinctly "non-lullish," and the period 19th August to 8th September bids fair to out "non-lull" even the former period, which statement also bids fair to become somewhat complicated if continued.

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Teams have been competing in all kinds of rifle and Lewis Gun competitions, with what success is not yet known.

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Preparations for our departure to camp on 21st August, together with the departure on 20th of August of the Draft of 121 Other Ranks to the 2nd Battalion, have created quite a strong military atmosphere. The loss of so many N.C.O.'s and men at this juncture will seriously handicap Battalion and Brigade Training, and the Battalion will be more or less a skeleton force.

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The Camping Ground is near Drapers Hill, two or three miles from Ballynahinch and, like most of the ground in this neighbourhood, can easily convert itself into a very excellent example of an Irish bog; still, "hope lives ever dormant in the human breast."

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The paraphernalia of war is being collected together, and for three weeks the Infantry soldier will be draped with rattles, pallistite, point 303, grenades, smoke candles, Verey Lights, respirators, discharger cups, spare socks, etc., etc.—that is to say, he is ready to meet, anyhow in theory, with any armed mechanised motor monsters that may be launched against him.

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Officers are studying schemes and maps, duties of umpires, and refreshing their minds with the contents of innumerable manuals and their still more innumerable amendments. We only hope the climacteric atmospherics will be propitious for our operations.

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Amidst all these preparations comes the Motor Road Race, on the 18th August. This day is being celebrated as a holiday, and many of us are going to witness the event. Only one Officer has been heard to admit that he hopes to see some crashes, with engines, wheels, bodies, etc., flying in all directions. There is little doubt that ninety-nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine of the spectators have this hope firmly implanted in their minds; if only they had the courage to admit it. Some of us who are to be passengers in the cars of others only trust that the drivers won't try to emulate what they have seen on their return to camp afterwards.

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Major Chenevix Trench has presented four beautiful water-colours to the Mess, depicting the Regiment at the Battles of El Bodon, Badajoz, Salamanca and Vimiera. These are really fine battle pictures, and we all thank him on behalf of the 1st Battalion.

We were very pleased to see Captain Trenam (Adjutant of the 7th Battalion) and Captain Todd, of the 7th Battalion, who came over for a week-end this month. We hope, and feel sure, that they went back to Alnwick refreshed after their short stay in this bracing military atmosphere.

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Captain Buckley has returned from a few days' leave after his course at Netheravon, where, we understand, he finished up top of the "Q. 1's," and only just missed a "D."

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Mr. Hobbs has also returned from a P.T. Course at Aldershot; we understand also that he was one of five who got "Second Class," which is, we believe, equivalent to "Q. 1" at other Courses. It is rumoured that there were more than five on this Course ! ! ! ! ! ! !

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Colonel Herbert visited the Depôt this month.

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Fus. Sandford has kindly presented the Battalion with his two pigeons, on his transfer to the Reserve; we thank him.

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We regret to have to announce the death of Fus. Charles Sutton ("W" Company), on 14th August, and sympathise deeply with his relatives.

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There was a Regimental Guest Night on 16th August; Col. Boyall, Major Daly, Mr. Stacpoole and Mr. Gordon-Steward, of the 1st Bn. The West Yorkshire Regt., were our guests. This Battalion is in camp here for a few days for field firing practice. Our Band played excellently, and there was a general playing of bridge until a late hour, after which the "noisy ones" held the floor awhile. Mr. Gordon-Steward, by the way, is a son of Major C. W. Gordon-Steward, who retired from "The FIFTH" on the disbandment of the 3rd and 4th Regular Battalions.

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There is a slight wave of interest in psychological nomenclature in the Mess; in fact, new nomenclature, portending to be of this nature, is being invented daily. We all know that, psychologically, a servile person may be suffering from an "inferiority complex," but these words are as nothing to some of those coined in the Mess, as a few of the following examples will show:—

Characteristic, etc.	*New psychological nomenclature.* Said to be suffering from:—
1. A secretive Officer—usually one who disappears quietly to various country houses in the district.	A duplicity sliplex.
2. One who suffers from liver in the morning.	A gastronomic duplex.
3. One in love.	An aortic stuplex.
4. One depressed by bad weather.	A climacteric ruplex.
5. One abstracted.	A blithero triplex.

And so on—in fact, there is no limit to the possibilities of this new form of mental endeavour; but no doubt the old gramophone jazz music will shortly come into its own again, if it has not already done so.

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There is also an epidemic of that new disease, *Edgaris Wallacia*—a mental disease recently described as "The morbid concentration of the mind on crime in general and Murder in

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particular by way of the optic nerve, deriving its complex from the perusal of literary matter by one Edgar Wallace." The number of this author's volumes in camp is beyond human computation.

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The Officers played the Serjeants at tennis on 13th August—a normal cold and miserable day, with the normal North-Easterly gale. The following played :—

Colonel Herbert Capt. Sutherland	*versus*	R.S.M. Rowsell Drm.-Major Hebbron
Capt. Powell Capt. Seth Smith	*versus*	C.Q.M.S. Reaney Sjt. Moore
Capt. Buckley Mr. Clarke	*versus*	Mr. Windram R.Q.M.S. Capstaff
Capt. Gatehouse Capt. Pemberton	*versus*	C.Q.M.S. Irwin Sjt. Swain

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The Officers won all their matches, and Mr. Windram was heard to threaten to substitute tennis practice for Band practice in future.

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A draft of 16 Other Ranks arrived from the Depôt on the 17th August, and has been posted to " Y " Company. There is little doubt that the education of recruits is a good deal better than formerly ; anyhow such letters as the following have not been recently heard of :—

" dear farver

i av got safeley to the baracs and i av got a uninform with brite buttins but they doesnt giv me a riffle til i nose ow to use me feet proply and me ands to and tell muvver i eets orlrite and the fud is good our orficer is miger french and our capting is mister gravel and the man wot luks after us all is a sargint miger blores i cumb ere on munday and on toosday i ad to wash the flaw of the rume i sleeps in afore brekfust and a man wot calls isself biddle elped me the hen c.o. in our rume was very nice and gave us a scrubing brushe and a pale of watter and a bit of sope and after we ad finished ee sed ee ad never seen a rume wot luked so cleen but once wen it ad bin used as a stabel for pigs in the wore after brekfust we ad to stan in a roe and miger french ad a tork wiv us ee sed we ad jined a ridgment as was secand to no one and ow we was to rekan ow undrids ad dyed for it and ow we was allus to do wot we was told and if we ad any complaynts we was to tell im after we ad dun it and ow if any hen c.o. ad made us do summat we ort not to do ee wud seduce im to the planks ee told us as ow our furst battel was in iland and our secand battel was in indeer and ow if we did our dooties well we shud all get on well and that we ad to dismember that everey solger ad a field mastels bacon in our napsocs

" ee seamed a very nice orficer and sed as ow ee we was to beave oursellfs until ee cum back from going away for 2 munths to lunnon we orl then went to see a man wots called a quarterbloke i thort ee seamed moren a quarterbloke orlthogh ee wernt as big as miger french ee torked so quik i never noed wat ee sed amuch but ee seemed to like us and sed as ow if we ad bin wiv im in indeer eed av shewed us wot a solger ment and ow eed turn us inter solgers afore we new were we was and ow eed never seen sich a lot of smart men and ow if we wus much smarter eed av to luse is dinner and ow if ee ad to do that we ud av nuffink but bred and watter for 10 days ee was a kind man and went to is dinner we ad to stan in roes then again and capting gravel came to see us ee sed wot miger french ad sed and a bit mor as ow we was to lern to martch and shute and slute and if we ever saw im not in uninform in is motycar we ad to slute im to even if ee wasnt by isself

" tell muvver we ad stoo and spuds and nice pudden for dinner and our solgers cooks the dinners theyselfs after dinner we ad to stan in roes agin and ad to keep puting our lef leg out and in wen a hen c.o. sed stanatase and shun and we did sum sluting by tetching our ats wiv our ands and onece wen i was puting me lef leg out at stanatase i seed capting gravel in is motycar and ee wornt in uninform and i rememjered wat ee ad sed so i sluted im and the hen c.o. med sum funie noises wiv is mouf i thort ee wus asharting at me at fust as ee seamed to be aluking at me but ee mus av bin squirteyed and it mus av bin my chum biddle ee was asharting at as my chum biddle was alarfing at summat i aint writ sich a long un afore the hen c.o. tuld me this mornin thet i was fit to be as sanatary man wot that is i dunnow but sumun told me only smart men wot got it give me luv to muvver and sister amy and yung fred and tell im to jest wate ontil ee sees me in uninform leaving me in the pink as it opes to find you your luving sun alf."

St. George's Minstrels.

At the close of the Machine Gun and Signallers' Concentration, an excellent cabaret show was held in the Tyneside Theatre.

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A prize, valued £1, was given to the best single turn lasting not longer than ten minutes, confined to personnel on the strength of the concentration.

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All Units were well represented, and the neutral judge (Major Harris, M.C., R.A.M.C.) found it no easy task to decide the winner. A second prize was given. Prizes were awarded as follows :—

Song—Sjt. Crawley, The West Yorkshire Regt.
Ship Dance—Fus. West, " W " Coy., 5th Fusiliers.

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The Cabaret was crowded ; many Officers from all Units came, including Lt.-Col. Hewett, D.S.O., M.C., Commanding the Concentration.

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Great credit is due to C.S.M. Carlin, D.C.M., and the temporary Band, under the direction of Sjt. Hobbs, for an excellent evening.

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Monday, 13th August, a Grand Cabaret and Novelty Side Shows were held in the Theatre. A prize was given for the best turn, which was divided between Boy Thurkel and Fus. Malia.

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The Novelty Side Shows proved a great success. The stall-holders, dressed in various costumes, were as follows :—

Lieut. Yorke—Guessing Number of Peas.
Sjt. Moore, D.C.M.—Bun Auction Stall.
Sjt. Lock, M.M.—Guessing Weight of the Cake.
Band-Sjt. Chislett—Spelling Test.
Fus. Gilley—Smelling Test.
Fus. Pearson—Who's the Lady ?

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The " Who's the Lady " caused much amusement. The lady in real life was Fus. Pearson, who was made up to look like a marble statue unfinished, with one arm still held up by a small crane ; he was supposed to represent Queen Victoria in 1880.

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The Novelty shows were opened by Miss Katie Kipper (Fus. Gilley) and Professor Buckslick (Band-Sjt. Chislett). Fus. Andrews was responsible for the splendid arrangements of the stalls, which were much admired by all.

Swimming Notes.

The N.I.D. Swimming Championships took place at the Upper Pond, Antrim Road, Belfast, on Thursday, 26th and Friday, 27th, July.

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The results showed that all three Units—the West Yorkshire Regt., Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and ourselves—were very evenly matched, as out of 10 events,

The FIFTH won 2 events.
The West Yorkshire Regt. won 3 events.
The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers won 3 events.
The Supt. Physical Training, N.I.D., won 2 events.

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The following won prizes :—

Lce.-Cpl. Brough—1st, Plunging.
Boy Welch—1st, 100 Yards, free style (Boys).
2nd-Lt. Clarke—2nd, 50 Yards, free style.
Fus. Lamb—3rd, 50 Yards, free style.
Fus. Goode—2nd, 100 Yards, free style.

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The Team Relay Race of 4 men at 60 yards was won by the 1st Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. by a yard, after a great race with the 5th Fusiliers. The following swam for the Regiment:—2nd-Lieut. Clarke, 2nd-Lieut. Whelan, Lce.-Cpl. Brough, Fus. Goode.

Cricket Notes.

FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* NORTH DOWN.

A very much weakened side finished the season by playing North Down at Comber, on 10th July. Both the opening bowlers being away, we found the task of dismissing a strong batting side on a good wicket too much for us, and our opponents were able to declare with the total at 271 for 6 wickets.

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We started in the most abysmal manner, losing 5 wickets for 36 runs ; but at this point Fus. Hughes provided a most efficient partner for Mr. Enderby, staying with him while 66 runs were added. The tail wagged to some purpose, and the total eventually reached 161.

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Mr. Enderby played a dashing innings, hitting fifteen 4's in his 73. Cpl. Pyle also hit to some purpose.

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Scores :—

NORTH DOWN.

Andrews, b Laing	17
Taylor, b Laing	24
Halliday, lbw, b Macmullen	22
Anderson, st Enderby, b Laing	86
MacDonald, c Macmullen, b Laing	97
Harris, not out	10
Donnan, c Powell, b Laing	7
Kirk, Brown, Milliken, McAvoy } did not bat	
Extras	8
Total (for 6 wickets)	271

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

2nd-Lieut. Laing, c Brown, b Harris	8
Lce.-Cpl. Pennock, lbw, b Harris	4
Lieut. Macmullen, c Halliday, b MacDonald	5
Capt. Sutherland, c MacDonald, b Harris	2
2nd-Lieut. Enderby, c and b Anderson	73
Capt. Powell, hit wkt., b Brown	1
Fus. Hughes, b Brown	5
Cpl. Pyle, b MacDonald	38
C.Q.M.S. Irwin, c Donnan, b Halliday	11
Fus. James, st Taylor, b Harris	7
Fus. Wilson, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	161

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pyle	13	2	55	—
Laing	25	4	105	5
Hughes	8	—	25	—
James	4	—	17	—
Pennock	5	1	29	—
Macmullen	5	—	32	1

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Averages, Season 1928.

Batting.

	Inns.	Runs.	Not out.	Highest score.	Aver.
Cpl. Pyle	4	77	2	38	38.5
2nd-Lieut. Enderby	6	215	0	86	35.8
Lieut. MacMullen	8	206	0	79	25.7
Capt. Sutherland	8	158	0	104	19.8
2nd-Lieut. Sperling	8	99	2	36	15.2
Lce.-Cpl. Pennock	9	99	2	23	14.3
2nd-Lieut. Laing	8	73	0	31	9.1
Capt. Powell	8	59	0	25	7.4
Lce.-Sjt. Purcell	7	32	0	12	4.6
Cpl. Obey	5	18	1	7	4.3

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
Sjt. Purcell	92	24	278	20	13.9
2nd-Lieut. Laing	67	8	236	16	14.7
Cpl. Obey	57	12	196	10	19.6
Lieut. Macmullen	24	3	165	5	35.0
Lce.-Cpl. Pennock	23	2	110	3	36.7
Cpl. Pyle	37	7	115	2	57.5

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

It is regretted that last month, owing to other calls on my services, I was unable to write the usual notes.

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But when one is called upon to bear additional responsibilities of a parental nature, something has to be neglected.

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We welcome Lce.-Sjts. Fotherby, Ross, Harris and Starbuck, and congratulate them on their paid appointments ; also Lce.-Sjt. Purcell.

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We also congratulate Sjt. Meadows on his promotion to full Rank.

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Sjt. Dyke has rejoined from the Depôt. We welcome him back and hope that he will have a happy stay with us.

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Correspondence has been received from ex-Clr.-Sjt. Ludford ("Mick") and ex-Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Gale ("Windie").

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Please to note that they are both in the best of health, and trust that they will fulfil their promises to visit us at York.

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We assure them of a warm welcome.

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Old members are again reminded that our President will be much obliged if they will advise him of any change of address.

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We also have news of ex-Sjt. Loder, and are pleased to hear that he is doing well.

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He is now associated with lubricants and petrol of the Shell variety at Hull.

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The following "howlers" came to light during the recent young N.C.O.'s Class :—

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Youthful aspirant to a baton : "The Squad will advance in Quick Time. By the right, SLOW march."

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Another : aspirant, while detailing how a right form should be done : "On the command Quick March, I want to see you halt properly."

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Another, while teaching a certain exercise, exclaimed : "I will now teach you how to slope arms by WONDERS."

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Billiards.

First round.

Handicap.					Handicap.		
B. 130	Lce.-Sjt. Hackett ..	330	*beat*	B. 70	Sjt. Mears	183
B. 20	Sjt. Haddon	220	„	B. 70	Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Gale	200
B. 50	Sjt. Denniss	250	„	S. 20	Sjt. Kirby	143
B. 60	C.S.M. Scott ..	260	„	B. 90	Lce.-Sjt. Purcell ..	250
B. 40	C.S.M. Ratcliff ..	240	„	B. 90	Sjt. West	200
B. 90	Lce.-Sjt. Lynch ..	290	„	B. 130	Lce.-Sjt. Matthewson	246
B. 170	Dm.-Major Hebbron	370	„	B. 90	Lce.-Sjt. Forrester ..	162

Byes.—Sjt. Desmond, Sjt. Swain, Clr.-Sjt. Bramley, R.S.M. Rowsell, Clr.-Sjt. Reaney, Sjt. Moore, Sjt. Bellamy, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, Clr.-Sjt. Irwin.

Second round.

B. 20	Sjt. Haddon	220	*beat*	B. 130	Lce.-Sjt. Hackett ..	328
B. 60	C.S.M. Scott	260	„	B. 50	Sjt. Denniss ..	242
B. 90	Lce.-Sjt. Lynch ..	290	„	B. 40	C.S.M. Ratliffe ..	230
B. 170	Dm.-Major Hebbron	370	„	S. 50	Sjt. Desmond ..	143
B. 50	Clr.-Sjt. Branley ..	250	„	B. 130	Sjt. Swain	219
B. 110	R.S.M. Rowsell ..	310	„	B. 120	Clr.-Sjt. Reaney ..	254
B. 20	Sjt. Moore	220	„	B. 50	Sjt. Bellamy ..	175
B. 20	R.Q.M.S. Capstaff ..	220	„	B. 110	Clr.-Sjt. Irwin ..	260

Third round.

B. 20	Sjt. Haddon	220	*beat*	B. 60	C.S.M. Scott	258
B. 170	Dm.-Major Hebbron	370	„	B. 90	Lce.-Sjt. Lynch ..	193
B. 110	R.S.M. Rowsell ..	310	„	B. 50	Clr.-Sjt. Bramley ..	236
B. 20	Sjt. Moore	220	„	B. 20	R.Q.M.S. Capstaff ..	180

Semi-Final.

B. 170	Dm.-Major Hebbron	370	*beat*	B. 20	Sjt. Haddon	149
B. 110	R.S.M. Rowsell ..	310	„	B. 20	Sjt. Moore	191

Final.

B. 170	Dm.-Major Hebbron	370	*beat*	B. 110	R.S.M. Rowsell ..	295

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The results of the various games speaks well for the ability of the handicappers, who have done their work very well indeed.

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The Drum-Major is to be heartily congratulated on his victory in the final, after a close and interesting game.

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During the month we have had two contests against the members of the Corporals' Club.

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The senior team suffered defeat by 60 points, representing 5 lost games to 1 won.

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The only member of our team to win was the Drum-Major, which was only to be expected of him.

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In the contest between teams representing second strings we were more successful, as our team ran out winners by the narrow margin of 29 points.

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Details of both games are as follows :—

Seniors.

Sjt. Swain	94	*lost to*	Cpl. Obey	100
Sjt. Locke	76	„	Lce.-Cpl. O'Hara ..	100
R.S.M. Rowsell ..	77	„	Cpl. Watson	100
Sjt. Hobbs	77	„	Cpl. Shields	100
Dm.-Major Hebbron ..	100	*beat*	Cpl. Graham	61
Lce.-Sjt. Lynch ..	67	*lost to*	Cpl. Stobbart	100

Second Strings.

Sjt. Hullyer	66	*lost to*	Cpl. Babington	100
Clr.-Sjt. Reaney ..	72	„	Lce.-Cpl. Theakstone ..	100
Sjt. Croft	100	*beat*	Cpl. Pyle	82
Sjt. Denniss	50	„	Lce.-Cpl. McHale ..	40
Lce.-Sjt. Matthewson ..	50	„	Lce.-Cpl. Townsley ..	16
Clr.-Sjt. Bramley ..	50	„	Lce.-Cpl. Johnson ..	22
Lce.-Sjt. Ross	50	„	Cpl. Woods	49

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The 2nd string members are to be congratulated on this splendid achievement.

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Owing to time, four of the games had to be over the shorter distance.

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It is not quite clear whether the rapidity of progress in these games, or the fact that the members concerned are regarded by the stable as being long-distance players, caused the time embargo to be enforced.

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Judging from the patter of the various members who composed the 2nd string, it seems very likely that when the composition of the senior team comes up for decision, many are likely to appear in the higher circle.

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It is pointed out, however, that the older brigade cannot go on for ever.

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One result of these games is that one does not hear remarks like "How many start?" as more often than not it is now: "I'll give you 50 in a 100."

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We wish the youngsters every success, and may they continue to improve with age.

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They are reminded that at the present time, owing to the mania for standardisation, there is great difficulty in obtaining out sizes in caps, particularly the stiff variety.

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The winners in our recent Whist Drives are as follows:—

	LADIES.	GENTS.
4th Aug.	1, Mrs. Timbers	1, Mr. Sutton
	2, Mrs. Haddon	2, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff
18th Aug.	1, Mrs. Sutton	1, R.S.M. Rowsell
	2, Mrs. Capstaff	2, R.Q.M.S. Capstaff

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It is noted that our fortnightly Dances are still proving very popular, and no doubt as the winter advances they will become more popular.

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One of our members—Clr.-Sjt. Reaney—took part in the Northern Ireland District Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers' Tennis Tournament, which was held at Victoria Barracks, Belfast, from the 1st to 3rd August.

CLR.-SJT. REANEY AND CPL. BABINGTON RECEIVING THE CUPS AS WINNERS OF THE N.I.D. LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

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Associated with him as the sole representatives of the Battalion was Cpl. Babington.

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They both competed as individuals, and also in the Doubles as partners.

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In the Individuals, Clr.-Sjt. Reaney reached the final and Cpl. Babington the semi-final, both being beaten by Sjt.-Instr. Wraith, of the Army Educational Corps.

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In the Doubles they met with more success and ran out winners of the Cup.

Heartiest congratulations to both on their splendid performances, which reflect with great credit not only upon themselves but on the Regiment as a whole.

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It is felt that all members of the Battalion in particular wish to be associated in the congratulations, for the honour they have brought to us as a Unit.

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It is a pity that more of the tennis fraternity could not avail themselves of the opportunity to take part in this Tournament.

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Clr.-Sjt. Reaney took part in this Tournament last year, and managed to get into the semi-final, only to be beaten by Sjt.-Instructor Wraith, who was the eventual winner.

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It is unfortunate that they will not be able to take part next year and endeavour to go one better than this and secure the Double Event, but who knows what they may achieve in the Northern Command.

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The weather during the Tournament was all that could be desired, and the organisation thoroughly done.

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At the conclusion of the play the Cups and prizes were presented by Mrs. Cornelius, wife of the Education Officer, N.I.D., and about an hour afterwards were rather damp. Rumour has it that the Inter-Unit Doubles Cup graced a table in the Koomo Cafe towards midnight.

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Thanks to "Condenser," we were able to hear the results on the Wireless at Ballykinlar.

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Particulars of play are appended:—

INTER-UNIT SINGLES CUP.

First round.

Clr.-Sjt. Reaney, a bye.
Cpl. Babington beat Lce.-Cpl. Senior, R.A.S.C., 6—3, 6—3.

Second round.

Clr.-Sjt. Reaney beat Lce.-Sjt. Johnson, 6—2, 8—6.
Cpl. Babington beat C.S.M. Blake (Foresters), 6—0, 0—6, 8—6.

Third round.

Clr.-Sjt. Reaney beat M.S.M. Wildy (R.E.), 6—1, 6—7, 7—5.
Cpl. Babington beat C.S.M. Nicklin (Foresters), 7—5, 0—6, 6—1.

Semi-Final.

Clr.-Sjt. Reaney beat Sjt. Duffy, R.I.F., 6—4, 5—7, 6—1.
Cpl. Babington lost to Sjt.-Instr. Wraith (A.E.C.), 6—2, 6—4.

Final.

Clr.-Sjt. Reaney lost to Sjt.-Instr. Wraith (A.E.C.), 6—3, 6—4, 6—3.

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INTER-UNIT DOUBLES CUP.

First round.

Clr.-Sjt. Reaney and Cpl. Babington—a bye.

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Second round.

Reaney and Babington beat Nicklin and Blake (Foresters), 13—11, 6—2.

Semi-Final.

Reaney and Babington beat Johnson and Simpson, R.A.S.C., 6—1, 6—4.

Final.

Reaney and Babington beat R.S.M. McLean and Clr.-Sjt. McCone, R.I.F., 6—2, 6—4, 6—3.

WIRELESS NOTES.

Wireless in the Mess is growing more popular than ever.

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Since last notes we have had many good evening programmes, including the B.B.C. Promenade Concerts.

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Toulouse and many foreign stations are again available in the late evening.

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Our move to camp caused much anxiety as to how arrangements could be made for providing a programme there.

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Some suggested that, to obtain good results, it would be necessary to procure very high masts on account of the numerous high mountains surrounding the camp.

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One suggestion was that the aerial should be suspended between Edendarriff Mountain and Draper's Hill, but owing to the Signal Section not being able to provide the necessary length of wire to span the intervening distance, the idea was abandoned.

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However, after a little experiment, a small piece of wire extended between the poles of the tent gave us all that could be desired.

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As a matter of fact we can get the weather forecast for the Falkland Islands, which is very important information for one of our young members.

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It is a pleasure in such a remote place like Draper's Hill to be able to pass an evening with Wagner, Beethoven and many of the great musical Masters.

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It is also pleasant to be out of reach of the oscillation wave length of " Radio Alley."

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At the time of writing we have only been in camp a few days, and there is very little to report, but it is hoped that some good notes will be available for our next issue.

" CONDENSER."

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

Extracted from Part I. Orders :—

" The Commanding Officer has granted accelerated promotion to the rank of Corporal to No. 4440955 Lce.-Cpl. C. Nicholson, in recognition of the excellent results obtained by him in Battalion Cadre Courses, together with the fact of his being in possession of a 1st Class Certificate of Education and being strongly recommended by his Company Commander."

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This excellent testimony, together with the undermentioned promotions, has been the chief topic of the month, and the " Fold " heartily congratulate the recipients of the honours.

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The undermentioned Corporals have been appointed paid Lance-Serjeants :—Starbuck, Fotherby, Ross and Harris.

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The undermentioned Lance-Corporals have been promoted Corporals :—Young, Stobbart, Barber, Rhodes, H. Taylor, Pearson, Bell and Shields.

The undermentioned Lance-Corporals have been appointed paid Lance-Corporals :—McHale, O'Hara, Whitton, Walton, Townley, Latimer, Sharpe, Humphrey, Stockhouse.

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We congratulate Lce.-Cpl. Humphrey and Mrs. Humphrey on the birth of a son (a Fusilier to be).

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Cpl. Collier and Lce.-Cpl. Wheldale have returned from Netheravon, where they gained Q. 1 Certificates, and we heartily congratulate them on their success.

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We have had no handicap this month, owing to the popularity of skittles.

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But time was found to play two interesting games with Serjeants.

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The Serjeants challenged us to a six-a-side billiards match, to be played on their green, and our acceptance gave place to an enjoyable evening, for which we heartily convey our thanks to the Serjeants.

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All the games went in our favour with one exception, and in that the Drum-Major completely overshadowed our man.

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Cpl. Shields played a really good game, and easily mastered Sjt. Hobbs, who could not get the balls to run for him.

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Of course, the table was to blame for his display.

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Cpl. Obey easily accounted for Sjt. Swain, and in allowing the good Serjeant to get 94 he might have lost the game, and the score does not do justice to the players.

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The R.S.M. and Cpl. Watson had a rare tussle, and when both scores stood at 50 it was anyone's game, but from then onwards our " big, strong man " seeing the winning post in the distance reached out and found it very comfortably.

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Sjt. Locke again tried to demonstrate the peculiarities of the game, but he could not get his aerial fixed.

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He roamed about until he reached 76, and then discovered " Peachy " had rung the bell.

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Sjt. Lynch appeared to be quite at sea in his game with Cpl. Stobbart, and he had the lowest score of the Serjeants' team.

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Possibly our colours would have been lowered if Sjt. Wixon had still been with the Battalion. . . .

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However, they're good sports, and we are looking forward to another fight as soon as we are settled in York.

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The second teams also had a "set to," on our pitch, and they managed to win by the narrow margin of 29 points.

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The feature of the evening should have been a match between Sjt. Desmond and Lce.-Cpl. McHale for the "Battalion Steaks," but sickness intervened and Sjt. Desmond had a few days in Hospital.

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However, he has now recovered, and we are looking forward to the match, which will take place at the next meeting of the teams.

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Owing to the late arrival of the Serjeants' team, and the time that was lost in waiting in the queue to the bar, it was necessary to make the last four games only 50 up.

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The games were all evenly contested, and caused an amount of interest.

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Surprise and admiration was openly displayed at the play of C.Q.M.S. Bramley and Sjt. Dennis.

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Rumour states that this pair have entered for the Billiard Championship.

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Let all billiard table manufacturers be duly warned—for they're dangerous!

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After the games, Lce.-Cpl. Perry entertained us at the piano and accompanied the soloists in his best style.

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The following programme provided the best entertainment we have had in the "Fold" since we left Germany.

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1. Lce.-Cpl. MacHale .. .. "The Funeral"
2. Cpl. Watson .. .. "The Wandering Jew"
3. Sjt. Humphrey .. .. "A Story without Words"
4. Sjt. Dennis .. .. "All that Glitters is not Gold"
5. C.Q.M.S. Bramley .. .. .. "Blaydon Races"
6. Sjt. West .. .. "Rio Grande"
7. Lce.-Cpl. MacHale .. "The Irish Jaunting Car"
8. Cpl. Watson .. "I'd love to be a Baby again"
9. Drm.-Major Hebbron .. "Peggy O'Neill (*parody*)

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The above artistes deserve our heartiest thanks, and it would be futile to try to express in words the excellent execution of the various items.

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During the evening a toast was drunk to C.Q.M.S. Reany and Cpl. Babington on their being the first Fusiliers to win the N.I.D. Tennis Tournament.

The Draft left us on the 20th, and we wish them a good, calm voyage, and the best of health and luck on their arrival in India.

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On the 21st we moved off to Draper's Hill Camp, but our experiences of camp life will be chronicled next month.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.

CHERAT,
July, 1928.

THE eternal mystery of India's secret intelligence system—if system there is—has shown itself twice of late to our knowledge. The first case was regarding the move to Lahore, which was first arranged to take place in November, then changed to March, and finally (we hope) again fixed for November. For weeks we were torn by doubts, Brigade-Headquarters rent by uncertainty, District Headquarters in a fever of indecision; even in Olympus strong men of incredible importance have been seen sitting on Jakko Hill, blowing the down from dandelions, and muttering "They will, they won't"! The fact was that the War Office programme of moves, upon which everything is based, had not arrived in India.

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Go to the Bazaar; all is peace and certainty. "Sahib, Five number Regiment goes to Lahore at the end of November," says old greybeard, sitting crossed-legged among his wares. He is usually right. How?

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The second case also concerns movement of troops. Some weeks ago an old bearer came to Cherat seeking employment, saying that a draft was coming from "Wilayat"—more commonly known as "Blighty"—at the end of September, and that a lord sahib would surely be coming too, and would need a servant. On account of his years he was driven away kindly—and two days later we received news from England that a draft was preparing in the 1st Battalion and might be expected at the end of September. Very humiliating!

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"A" and "B" Companies are in the throes of changing places between Khanspur and Nowshera. "B" Company will be just as glad to see the pine-clad hills as Xenophon when the sea burst on his view after months of weary marching in the

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desert ; but so gross and uncultured have we become in these latter days, that the cry raised by Mr. Collingwood and Mr.

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Lean, instead of something dignified such as "O! arbores frigidi montesque, ave," in the manner of the great Greek captain (who doubtlessly could speak Latin too), will no doubt be a hoarse yell for beer.

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During the last few weeks in Nowshera, "B" Company has experienced one of the worst hot weather spells since Dinapore. With the temperature in the neighbourhood of 120 deg. in the shade by day, going down to about 105 deg. by midnight, together with considerable humidity, the Hospital has been filled to capacity with heat stroke cases. Many suffering from less urgent diseases had to be accommodated in the barrack-rooms and brought over to the Hospital for treatment.

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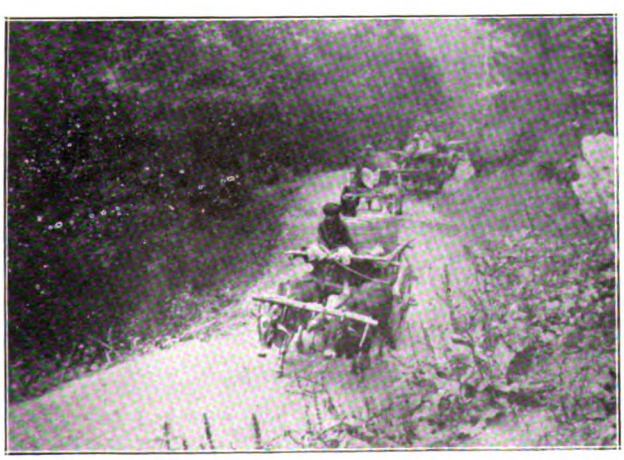
Visitors received short shrift from the overworked staff, and had to put in an hour or two's work in the heat stroke room



THE ARRIVAL OF THE BEER, KHANSPUR.

before being allowed to depart ; while most of "B" Company who were not patients were roped in as extra Hospital Orderlies.

We have reason to be very grateful to the M.O.'s and Sisters, who worked like slaves day and night, and were successful in pulling all our men through except Fusilier W. Burlace, who died on 3rd July.

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We would like to take this opportunity of tendering our very deep sympathy to his parents.

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Fortunately when the situation was really looking black, a dust storm came up and reduced the temperature by 20 degrees in an hour, whereupon all the patients sat up and called for beef steaks. After the dust came rain, and the situation was saved.

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A Tennis Tournament was held in Cherat during July, and the men's doubles was won by Messrs. Earle and Bradford (who are pestering the Club Secretary to give them a silver cup each for it—this being their first and probably their last essay at this sport).

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The final placings are given below :—

Earle and Bradford	34 points.
Col. Johnson, R.A., and Cooper ..	33 ,,
Major Beer, R.A.D.C., and F. O. Urwin, R.A.F.	31 ,,
Waight and Flower	27 ,,
Major Wilson, R.A.M.C., and Major Critchley Salmonson	26 ,,
Major Penny, K.O.Y.L.I., and Barraclough, K.O.Y.L.I.	22 ,,
Milward and Beyts, I.A.U.L. ..	16 ,,

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The mixed doubles are still in progress, but Major Critchley Salmonson and Mrs. Chalker are in the pleasant position of being unbeatable.

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On the 15th July we played the 2nd Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. at cricket, and were unfortunate in losing by a small margin. The match had to be finished by lunch time, as it is too hot in the afternoon to play and one cannot play in the evening as the cricket ground covers all the sports grounds in Cherat. We won the toss and batted first, declaring with a score of 169 with eight wickets down.

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The K.O.Y.L.I. just managed to pass this score before lunch time, with a loss of eight wickets.

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Score :—

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

C.Q.M.S. Parkin, b Gledhill	14
Bdsmn. Trower, c Poole	14
Mr. Murdoch, run out	23
2nd-Lieut. Milward, c Poole	0
2nd-Lieut. Beyts, c Poole	4
Capt. Waight (declared)	32
Bdsmn. Flatman, b Jones	23
Sjt. Bosworth, b Jones	29
2nd-Lieut. Bradford, not out	22
Lce.-Cpl. Gillon, not out	1
Lce.-Cpl. Williams, did not bat	
Extras	7
Total (for 8 wkts., declared)	169

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K.O.Y.L.I.

Sjt. Jones, c Flatman	18
Lce.-Cpl. Moore, lbw	0
Lieut. Guest, b Trower	27
Major Penny, b Trower	38
Lieut. Hullock, c Flatman	10
Lieut. Levock, run out	0
C.S.M. McCarthy, c Flatman	4
Sjt. Gledhill, run out	4
Cpl. Higham, not out	4
Lieut. Poole, not out	61
Pte. Bradshaw, did not bat	
Extras	4
Total (for 8 wkts.)	170

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On a Battalion Parade, on 11th July, the Commanding Officer presented the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to Pioneer-Serjeant Jackson.

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We hope his familiar figure, which has reigned so long in the Pioneers' shop, will continue to do so for some years to come.

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Work in Cherat is concerned largely with future N.C.O.'s classes and Training Cadres. Up to date, one of each has been completed : the former, of six weeks' duration, under the direction of the Adjutant, passed 20 Fusiliers, who have been appointed Lance-Corporals ; the latter, under Capt. Edgeworth Johnstone, was for senior N.C.O.'s. A second young N.C.O.'s Class begins on 30th July, and a second Training Cadre on 1st September.

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Mr. Humphreys and Mr. Bucknall have returned from a month's leave in Kashmir. We understand that a book will

The Khanspur Water Supply.

soon be published entitled " Bears for Beginners, and Trout without Tears," enumerating some of the common errors to be avoided in pursuit of these elusive creatures.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The chief topic of comment of late in the Mess is the athletic spirit which has moved everyone, including " Chips," the

On the Way to the Rifle Range, Khanspur.

Pioneer Serjeant, generally recognised as a permanent pillar of the Mess, massively proportioned, of immense girth, and heavily based. The prime promoter of these activities has been R.Q.M.S. Atkinson, to whom we " take our hats off."

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Although some of our members are at Nowshera (poor devils!), others at Khanspur or at home on leave (lucky dogs!), we have a perfect galaxy of talent, and speed is a predominant feature, despite cases of " tonnage."

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The Mess football team overwhelmed the Serjeants of the K.O.Y.L.I., winning by 4 goals to 1.

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Much talked of, and at last materialised, was the football match between the Married and Single Members. Irrespective of religion, category, capability, inability, culpability, disability, service, age, high or lowly employment, the selected Elevens met at last.

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The Single Men started off with much dash and vigour, and were soon a goal up ; but the game was still young when all realised that the men " running in harness " possessed a decided superiority in controlling the leather sphere, and no one was surprised when they drew level. It was a tense moment when " Chips " Jackson left his post as custodian to take a penalty kick for the " Married." Placing the ball on the spot with the care and precision of an International player, retreating a few paces, pausing for that dramatic moment, he then advanced on the " leather," and punted it into the corner of the net, giving the custodian no chance whatever, and the thunderous applause that followed was taken up and echoed by the sur-

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rounding hills. It is not meet that the scribe (one of the "Married" side) should dilate at length on the rout of the "Single" men, so suffice it to say that the "Married" ran out victors by 5 goals to 3.

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Somewhat chagrined by the aforesaid defeat, the "Single" Men put their heads together, and, realising the futility of challenging the "Married" to football, hockey, or even tiddley-winks—they suggested that members with over 12 years' service should meet on the hockey field those with under 12 years' service. Tug Willson at outside-left, R.Q.M.S. Atkinson at inside-left, W.O. Instr. Murdoch at centre-forward, all sport the "Rooty Gong," while Sjt. Baker and C.S.M. Pollard, both eligible for the "Gong," completed the youthful forward line of the "over twelves."

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Play on the whole was very even, and the "under twelves" were leading 3—2 when torrential rain hampered the movements of the players. The game continued until the state of the ground made further play impracticable, and the whistle sounded 7 minutes before time.

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Drenched to the skin, we proceeded to the refreshment tent of the tennis courts nearby. Once there, we raised our spirits considerably by lowering them. Here also a spirited discussion took place as to whether the game was a win for the "under twelves," or that it should be classed as "abandoned." The soothing effects of J—— W——, however, soon caused all arguments to cease, while a diversion was created by some aquatic feats in the pools on the tennis courts, the central figure being Wm. Wasse.

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We heartily congratulate Mrs. Doy on recovering from her long and painful illness, and are delighted to see her smiling countenance amongst us once more.

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We have also to congratulate C.S.M. Davis and Sjt. Young on obtaining a First Class Certificate of Education. Both had very hard luck in just failing by 2 marks to secure a "D" in Mathematics.

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Appended below are a few "Adverts.," which I have been asked to include in Serjeants' Mess Notes:—

(1) Messrs. Jackson (Chips) and Co., Cherat, a firm of solid standing, constructs Chicken Runs, Stages, and Obstacles. Boxes made of 3-ply wood a Speciality.

(2) The Regimental Shoemaker.—Our boots will last a lifetime, if only used for Kit inspection.

(3) The Regimental Tailor.—We take you up to take you in. Herring Bone and American *Twist* a Speciality.

(4) Adams and Co. (Tiffy).—Do you suffer from Lumbago, Rheumatism or Gout? If so, try Tiffy's Mineral Jelly. (Can be had for cash (preferred) or through accounts.)

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It may interest members to read some of the comments by 2nd Class Certificate candidates, selected at random from essays on "Regimental Journals." The following are typical:

(1) Why advertise Fox's Spiral Puttees in Regimental Journals? We get 8 days' C.B. for attaching an extra six inches to those issued from stores.

(2) When the most hated Serjeant leaves the Battalion, we read in the Journal something like this:—"Transfers—Sjt. Bloodthunder to Depôt. Our loss—the Depôt's gain."

(3) When Pte. Clink (noted for his visits to Dagshai or Lucknow) leaves for civil life, we read:—"Discharges—Pte. Clink. We hope Pte. Clink carries on the good work in civil life. Best wishes for the future."

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"My hand grows weary, my eyes grow dim, but not sufficiently to miss noticing that the hands of the clock point to 11.30 a.m. —"opening time"—and therefore my "closing time."

"MAC."

KHANSPUR NOTES.

The Khanspur Detachment, consisting of about 110 N.C.O.'s and Men of "A" Company, Capt. Plummer, M.C., and Mr. Hobbs, left Nowshera on 6th May, and, detraining at Rawalpindi, were conveyed, blessing the day of mechanisation, in lorries to Murree.

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The sixteen miles from Murree to Khanspur is not suitable for wheeled transport, and the Detachment marched, while the baggage was conveyed by camel. Loading these filthy, bubbling brutes with probably a two-maund rifle chest on one side and a pile of cooks' gear on the other, and making the load secure for a 16-mile trek over very steep hills, requires no little skill, but, thanks to our unforgetable stay in Amirian, we were able to manage very efficiently.

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On arrival up here we found very little to grumble at. It is delightfully cool, and the scenery undoubtedly attractive. The remainder of the population of the station consists of some 130 married families, a Detachment from the 5th Inniskilling Dragoons, and a Detachment from "E" Battery.

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We are also very fortunate in having the Band of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoons up here, and there are Dances every night of the week.

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Twice a week in the evenings the Band gives an Open-Air Concert, which is always very well attended.

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There is, of course, always a fly in the ointment, which in this case might almost be classified as an elephant from the sports point of view—*i.e.*, that there is only one sports ground in the entire station. One side of this ground is only a few yards from a sheer khud-side, and the loss in footballs has caused a financial crisis in the Games Accounts.

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A large number of the Detachment have been showing great energy and enthusiasm over "A" Company's Novices' Boxing Tournament, which is being held next week.

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Mr. Leech has just returned from Kasauli, where, if we are to believe his account, he has been swinging by his little finger on horizontal bars thousands of feet above Mother Earth, and assisted by Sjt. Chapman, he may be seen running all these enthusiasts up and down the hills. There are 22 entries, and also a large number of special contests. If this enthusiasm is not a mere flash in the pan, there are great hopes for the improvement of our Company standard in the near future. We hope to dispatch a separate account of the Tournament for the next issue of the *Gazette*.

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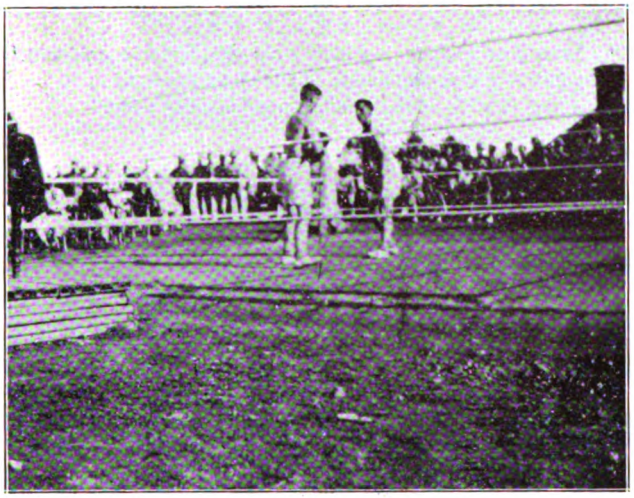
Nearly all our parade time up here has been spent in struggling with Musketry. Up to date the conditions have been good,



"A" Company, Boxing Competition.
(*Photo by Lce.-Cpl. Auguston.*)

and our results have been a decided improvement on last year.

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The remainder of our time has been spent chiefly with visits from the gilded staff. The G.O.C. Rawalpindi District, Major-General McMullen, even visited us at four o'clock in the afternoon, a previous letter requesting that troops might be carrying on with their "ordinary work."

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The following programme, submitted in accordance with this request, was not approved by O.C. Khanspur :—

(*a*) Combined Barrack-room and Physical Training inspection, all troops to be in "on the backs down" position. Deep breathing exercises.

(*b*) Voluntary afternoon Language Class. Three Defaulters specially excused coal fatigue to be provided by the Provost-Serjeant.

(*c*) Officers' Inspection. Capt. P—— and Lieut. H—— studying for their promotion examinations, on their beds.

(*d*) Remainder of Detachment on parade, waiting for the Canteen to open.

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In conclusion, we request Mr. McMullen, of the 1st Battalion, if he reads these notes, to resolve to point out to his Uncle what the "ordinary work" of a Fusilier is at four Pip Emma.

GAMES NOTES.

"A" Company's Novices' Boxing, an account of which appears below, a Church of England Football Tournament, and a Football Referees' Course have been held this month. The rest of the time the playing field has been in the possession of the monsoon, and was in a very water-logged condition for the final games of the football competition.

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Thirteen teams entered, the 4/7th Dragoon Guards Band being the only new team since the Tournament in June. They, and the Band of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, were both beaten in the semi-final; the former by No. 4 Platoon by 1 goal to nil, and the latter by No. 1 Platoon by 2 goals to 4, in very exciting matches. The final was played on a very "sticky" evening, and proved a disappointing match to watch after the semi-finals. No. 1 Platoon won by one goal. Medals were presented to both winners and runners-up. The detail of the matches appears below :—

Church of England Football Tournament.

1st Round.	*2nd Round.*	*Semi-Final.*	*Final.*
"B" Sqdn. 5/I.D.G.'s No. 2 Pln. 5th Fus.	"B" Sqdn. 5/I.D.G.'s	No. 4 Pln., 5th Fus.	No. 4 Pln. 5th Fus.
H.Q. Sqdn. 5/I.D.G.'s No. 4 Pln. 5th Fus.	No. 4 Pln. 5th Fus.		
"A" Sqdn. 5/I.D.G.'s No. 3 Pln. 5th Fus.	No. 3 Pln. 5th Fus.	Band, 4/7 D.G.'s	
Band, 4/7 D.G.'s "E" Bty. R.H.A.	Band, 4/7 D.G.'s		
"A" Sqdn. 4/7 D.G.'s Band, 5/I.D.G.'s	Band, 5/I.D.G.'s	Band, 5/I.D.G.'s	No. 1 Pln. 5th Fus.
"B" Sqdn. 4/7 D.G.'s Bye	"B" Sqdn. 4/7 D.G.'s		
No. 1 Pln. 5th Fus. Bye	No. 1 Pln. 5th Fus.	No. 1 Pln. 5th Fus.	
"C" Sqdn. 5/I.D.G.'s Bye	"C" Sqdn. 5/I.D.G.'s		

Winners—No. 1 Platoon, 5th Fusiliers.

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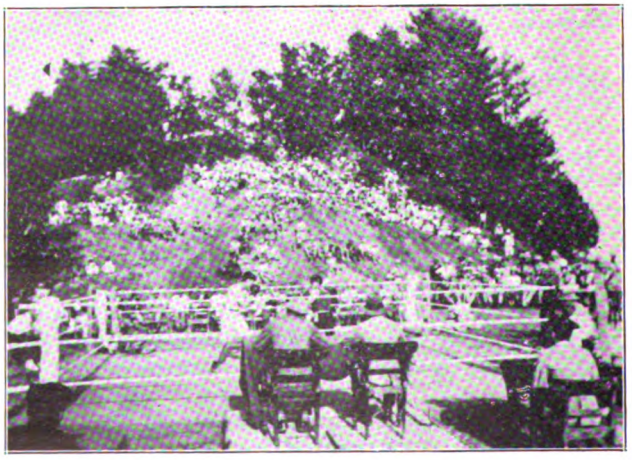
The result of the written paper which was set for the candidates of the Football Referees' Course is not yet known, as the papers have not been returned from the P.T. authorities as yet. We hope to publish the results next month. Our thanks are due to Sjt. Curtis (The Buffs), who luckily was in Khanspur on leave, and as a qualified first-class Army football referee afforded us invaluable help.



"A" Company, Boxing Novices.
(*Photo by Lce.-Cpl. Augustin.*)

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BOXING NOTES.

"A" Company held their Novices' Boxing Meeting at Khanspur on 16th and 17th July, and were lucky in that a break in the monsoon fitted in with these two days.

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There is no proper ring in Khanspur, so one was constructed on ground level with a mutti surface. This ring, which was made at very little cost, proved most satisfactory and was laid where "D" Company had their boxing last year, behind the Gunner Detachment Barracks. "E" Battery R.H.A. kindly lent their dining hall as a dressing-room, which was most convenient.

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A very good entry of Novices, who showed great keenness, was obtained, thus making a two-day meeting possible—the exception rather than the rule in Company Novices' Boxing. A detail of the bouts appears below. Among the losers, Fuslrs. Whitt, Tisner, Cullen, Dixon and Raper are specially to be congratulated for the plucky defence they put up; while Lce.-Cpl. Auguston, Lce.-Cpl. Bloomfield and Fus. Smith (63) were only a few points behind their opponents. Fus. Whitt was awarded the best loser's prize.

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Five contests were arranged. In the Heavy-Weights, Dmr. Hayton disposed of his opponent in about forty seconds, and Sjt. Chapman beat Tpr. Chesterton. Fus. Forrest was beaten on points by Gnr. Donald after a very good fight. Tpr. Palmer knocked out Bdsmn. McKeller in the Bantams.

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The meeting started with a demonstration of Black, a tricky boxer, *versus* White, a clean boxer. All the blows, clean and foul, were shown, method of scoring, generalship, and sportsmanlike and unsportsmanlike behaviour inside and outside the ring. Fuslrs. Wilson and Fawcett brought out these points extremely well. Fus. Fawcett fought an exhibition bout against Tpr. Gibbons the second evening.

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The Band of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards very kindly played before and after the boxing on the second evening, and at the conclusion Capt. Chipper, as O.C. Station, presented the prizes.

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NOVICES' CLASS.

Bantam-Weight.

Lce.-Cpl. McDonald
Bye
} Lce.-Cpl. McDonald

Fus. J. G. Smith
Fus. Raper
} Fus. J. G. Smith

} Lce.-Cpl. McDonald

Feather-Weight.

Fus. Smith (40)
Fus. Smith (63)
} Fus. Smith (40)

Lce.-Cpl. Auguston
Fus. Turner
} Fus. Turner

} Fus. Smith (40)

Light-Weight.

Lce.-Cpl. Graham
Bye
} Lce.-Cpl. Graham

Lce.-Cpl. Bland
Fus. Cullen
} Fus. Cullen

} Lce.-Cpl. Graham

Welter-Weight.

Fus. Whitt
Bye
} Fus. Whitt

Lce.-Cpl. Muir
Bye
} Lce.-Cpl. Muir

} Lce.-Cpl. Muir

Lce.-Cpl. Bloomfield
Bye
} Lce.-Cpl. Bloomfield

Fus. Dixon
Fus. D. W. Smith
} Fus. D. W. Smith

} Lce.-Cpl. Bloomfield

} Lce.-Cpl. Muir

Middle-Weight.

Fus. Beaton
Cpl. Shotton
} Cpl. Shotton

OPEN CONTESTS.

Bantam-Weight.

Bdsmn. McKeller, 5th I.D. Guards
Tpr. Palmer, 4/7th D. Guards
} Tpr. Palmer

Feather-Weight.

Fus. Forrest, 5th Fusiliers
Gnr. Donald, "E" Bty. R.H.A.
} Gnr. Donald

Light-Weight.

Bdr. Morgan, "E" Bty. R.H.A.
Tpr. Lote, 4/7th D. Guards
} Tpr. Lote

Heavy-Weight.

Sjt. Chapman, 5th Fusiliers
Tpr. Chesterton, 5th I.D. Guards
} Sjt. Chapman

Dmr. Hayton, 5th Fusiliers
Bdsmn. Hasler, 5th I.D. Guards
} Dmr. Hayton

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
August, 1928.

ON Bank Holiday, 6th August, a physical training and gymnastic display was given by the 5/68th Regimental Depôt, at the Hexham Agricultural Show. The display appears to have been much appreciated, and it is hoped that this will now be an annual event. Great credit is due to Q.M.S. I. F. Horlock (A.P.T.S.) for the way in which the team was trained, and also to all those who took part in giving such a good display.

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The following letter has been received from the President of the Tyneside Agricultural Society, Jubilee Buildings, Hexham, 8th August, 1928:—

"On behalf of the Executive of the Tyneside Agricultural Society, I should be very pleased if you would convey to all concerned our very great appreciation of their splendid display at the Hexham Show, on Monday.

"The gymnastic display given by your men reflected the greatest credit on the Regiment and gave a great amount of pleasure to the spectators at the Hexham Show, to most of whom it came as a complete novelty. We appreciate how much hard work was involved in achieving such a high standard and are more than grateful for your very kind contribution to a successful day.

"Yours sincerely,
"(signed) T. D. STRAKER-SMITH, *President.*
"Tyneside Agricultural Society."

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During the month we have had a visit of inspection from Col. W. N. Herbert, and Col. H. R. Sandilands has also stayed at the Depôt on his way South from Scotland.

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On the 22nd, the competition between the Officers, Warrant Officers and Serjeants for the "Carden" Shield took place, on the Ponteland Ranges, the Warrant Officers and Serjeants winning by 17 points. Opportunity was taken the same day to fire our team for the Prince of Wales Cup—a non-central A.R.A. competition in which the Depôt has entered a team. Weather conditions were not as good on the range as they might have been.

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At present we have only two Squads at the Depôt, totalling 70 recruits, but we expect to get about 180 recruits before the end of the year.

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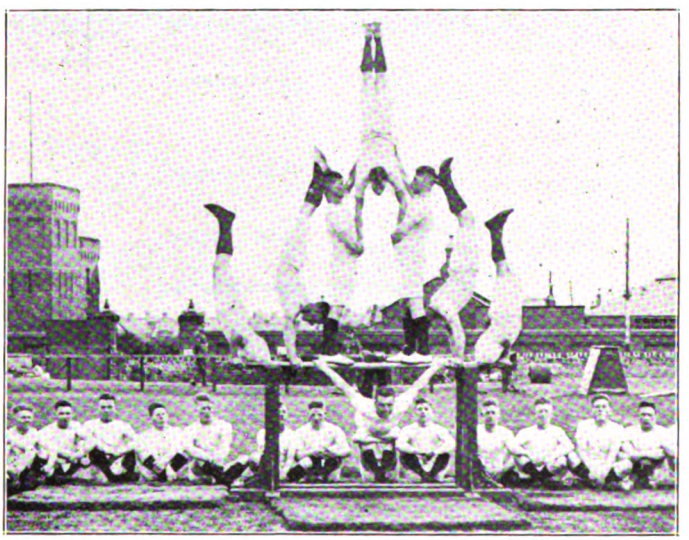
No. 4257363 Sjt. D. Bowker re-engaged for the Northumberland Fusiliers, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, to complete 21 years with the Colours, on 27th July, 1928.



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PRACTICE OF 5TH/68TH DEPOT GYMNASTIC SHOW, AS GIVEN AT TYNESIDE AGRICULTURAL SHOW, AUGUST, 1928.

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Sjt. C. Dyke was re-posted to the 1st Battalion on 17th August, 1928, on completion of tour of duty.

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No. 4260276 Lce.-Sjt. W. Meadows promoted Serjeant (dated 5th August, 1928).

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No. 4258605 Lce.-Sjt. W. Fotherby appointed paid Lance-Serjeant (dated 6th August, 1928).

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No. 4263870 Lce.-Cpl. A. Pearson promoted Corporal (dated 8th August, 1928).

No. 4256047 R.Q.M.S. D. Redhead and No. 4257344 Sjt. T. Hunter proceeded to the Guards Depôt, Canterbury, on 14th August, 1928, for 1 month's Drill Course.

DEPOT CRICKET NOTES.

Since our last cricket notes we have had seven matches, all played on the Garrison Ground, and though we were only successful in winning one of these, yet we had some very pleasant and often very amusing cricket. It is pointed out, for the benefit of the Depôt cricket next season, that the team would do considerably better if they were to turn out more regularly for net practice in the evenings. At present they do not do so, and there is no doubt that practice makes perfect, according to the old saying. The results of each match are given below. Our last match was played on 18th August. Football has since assumed command, and our first football match is to be played on 25th August.

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5TH FUSILIERS *v.* ST. CUTHBERT'S C.C.

Played on 15th July, 1928.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Fus. Nicholson, c and b Pickles	63
Fus. Jubb, run out	2
Sjt. Fitzgerald, b Sanderson	0
Capt. Hogshaw, b Sanderson	6
R.Q.M.S. Redhead, b Sanderson	1
Lce.-Cpl. Thornton, run out	30
Sjt. Peppiatt, c and b Pickles	0
Fus Sanderson, b Pickles	0
Sjt. Bell, b Pickles	1
Fus. Elliott, not out	0
Fus. Adamson, b Pickles	0
Extras	20
Total	123

ST. CUTHBERT'S C.C.

R. Parkin, c Jubb	47
A. Stewart, b Peppiatt	17
R. Ewart, not out	58
C. Short, lbw	1
P. Hunt, S. Sanderson, R. Taylor, R. Ranson, R. Neven, H. Pickles, H. Duthie	did not bat
Extras	5
Total	128

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5TH FUSILIERS *v.* RIDLEY HALL.

Played on 21st July, 1928.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Fus. Nicholson, lbw	6
Fus. Cuthbert, b Waite	4
Sjt. Thompson, lbw	2
Sjt. Finnamore, b Waite	40
Sjt. Fitzgerald, b Waite	0
R.Q.M.S. Redhead, b Wilson	4
Lce.-Cpl. Thornton, c and b Wilson	1
Fus. Jubb, b Waite	1
Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, b Wilson	0
Fus. Sanderson, b Waite	1
Sjt. Bell, not out	4
Extras	9
Total	72

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RIDLEY HALL.

Pearson, b Finnamore	2
Thompson, b Cuthbert	5
D. Waite, b Cuthbert	4
Sisterson, c and b Finnamore	0
Pefferly, not out	8
W. Waite, b Finnamore	0
W. Watson, st	6
T. Watson, run out	0
English, b Cuthbert	2
J. Waite, b Cuthbert	0
Nicholson, run out	1
Extras	4
Total	32

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5TH FUSILIERS *v.* SANDYFORD C.C.

Played on 28th July, 1928.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Fus. Nicholson, b Telfer	0	retired	10
Sjt. Thompson, b Telfer	22	lbw	12
Sjt. Finnamore, b Telfer	0	b Davidson	8
Sjt. Fitzgerald, b Telfer	1	not out	4
Fus. Cuthbert, b Telfer	1	b Davidson	12
Capt. Hogshaw, b Fielding	1	b Davidson	10
Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, b Fielding	4	did not bat	
Fus. Elliott, b Fielding	3		
Lce.-Cpl. Thornton, not out	7		
Sjt. Bell, b Fielding	4		
Fus. Sanderson, b Fielding	0		
Extras	9	Extras	10
Total	52	Total	66

SANDYFORD C.C.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Birket, b Thompson	8	b Cuthbert	34
Sutherland, b Cuthbert	0	not out	1
Cowie, b Cuthbert	2	did not bat	
R. Fielding, b Cuthbert	1	b Nicholson	6
T. Lee, b Thompson	0	did not bat	
Moir, b Cuthbert	1		
Telfer, b Finnamore	3		
O'Hara, run out	7	lbw	0
Davison, lbw	0	did not bat	
Burke, not out	1	b Cuthbert	12
F. Fielding, b Finnamore	5	b Capt. Hogshaw	6
Goldberg		not out	23
Extras	3	Extras	8
Total	31	Total	90

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5TH FUSILIERS *v.* DEPARTMENTAL STAFF.

Played on 1st August, 1928.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Fus. Nicholson, run out	17
Fus. Cuthbert, b Thompson	1
Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, b Thompson	0
Sjt. Fitzgerald, b Finnamore	24
Sjt. Peppiatt, lbw	0
R.Q.M.S. Redhead, run out	10
Lce.-Cpl. Thornton, b Thudbury	3
Fus. Elliott, b Thudbury	0
Fus. Sanderson, st	4
Lce.-Cpl. Peacock, b Thudbury	2
Lce.-Cpl. Patterson, not out	3
Extras	10
Total	74

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF.

Sjt. Rowe, b Nicholson	0
Sjt. Huxford, b Redhead	14
Sjt. Thompson, b Cuthbert	8
Sjt. Finnamore, b Redhead	7
Pte. Badger, b Redhead	4
Pte. Hillsden, b Nicholson	0
Pte. Gosnell, run out	1
Pte. Harris, b Redhead	13
Pte. Thudbury, b Cuthbert	13
Pte. Pickersgill, not out	8
Pte. Statt, b Cuthbert	5
Extras	5
Total	78

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5TH FUSILIERS *v.* TOC "H."

Played on 11th August, 1928.

TOC "H" TEAM.

Sutcliffe, b Finnamore	31
Marshall, b Finnamore	23
Watts, b Jubb	21
Dobson, b Fitzgerald	2
Thompson, b Fitzgerald	6
Allen, b Finnamore	10
Girdwood, not out	9
Smart, b Finnamore	0
Wootten, b Finnamore	0
Warren, b Finnamore	0
Swindale, b Finnamore	2
Extras	18
Total	122

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Sjt. Finnamore, b Marshall	9
Sjt. Fitzgerald, b Girdwood	1
Fus. Nicholson, run out	17
2nd-Lieut. J. Neville, b Girdwood	0
Lieut. B. T. G. Pringle, b Marshall	21
Fus. Jubb, b Marshall	0
Lce.-Cpl. Thornton, b Girdwood	5
Fus. Barnes, c and b Thompson	2
Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, b Marshall	2
2nd-Lieut. Davison, not out	2
Extras	10
Total	69

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5TH/68TH REGIMENTAL DEPOT COMBINED TEAM *v.* WALLSEND 3RD XI.

Played on 15th August, 1928.

5TH/68TH TEAM.

Capt. J. H. Hogshaw, b Rowbottom	13
Lieut. B. T. G. Pringle, b Rowbottom	16
Sjt. Finnamore, b Heslopp	1
Sjt. Fitzgerald, b Scott	1
Sjt. Gordon, D.L.I., b Rowbottom	0
Fus. Nicholson, b Rowbottom	1
Cpl. Gollightly, b Scott	7
Lce.-Cpl. Thornton, b Braidford	4
Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, b Scott	9
Pte. Reid, b Scott	0
Fus. McDonald, not out	2
Extras	2
Total	56

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WALLSEND.

H. Bush, lbw, b Finnamore	6
T. Winter, b Finnamore	23
N. Heslop, b Finnamore	29
T. Minnerkin, b Gordon	3
E. Scott, c Gollightly	11
J. Rowbottom, b Hogshaw	54
R. Arnell, b Finnamore	0
W. Bell, b Finnamore	11
G. Braidford, b Finnamore	3
T. Pattenson, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	147

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5TH FUSILIERS *v.* BENWELL C.C.

Played on 18th August, 1928.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Sjt. Thompson, b Ware	8
Sjt. Finnamore, b Ware	10
Sjt. Fitzgerald, b Foster	6
Lieut. B. T. G. Pringle, c and b Foster	12
Lce.-Cpl. Thornton, b Foster	6
Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, b Foster	2
Fus. Nicholson, not out	9
Fus. McDonald, b Foster	3
Fus. Elliott, b Foster	2
Fus. Jubb, st, b Foster	3
Fus. Bean, b Ware	1
Extras	13
Total	75

BENWELL HILL C.C.

T. W. Foster, b Thompson	8
L. Crossland, b Finnamore	2
H. Turner, b Thompson	4
W. Ratcliffe, b Thompson	1
J. Wilson, b Finnamore	6
A. Morrell, b Finnamore	25
G. Ware, b Finnamore	1
J. Turnbull, b Finnamore	2
W. Foster, run out	30
G. Irons, not out	23
J. Hughes, lbw	20
Extras	7
Total	129

4th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

SERJEANTS' MESS,

August, 1928.

THE chief item of interest this month was the Mess Annual Trip, which was on Saturday, 4th August. A party of 24 left Newburn at 8.30 a.m. for Berwick-on-Tweed, *via* rail, arriving there at about 11 a.m.

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We were favoured with fine weather, which helped considerably in making the "Outing" a success.

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All arrangements were carried out very ably. We were catered for very well indeed, and everyone appeared to enjoy the good things supplied.

We were shown through the old Jail shortly after our arrival, which was very interesting. After climbing to the top of the tower we had a fine view of the town.

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It would be interesting to know if the member who was sentenced to "Five years' penal servitude for life" has had any time remitted, or if the "Judge" has had his wig shingled. The "Solicitor for the defence" is looking very worried after his strenuous efforts. It is believed that the "charge" was of a very serious nature.

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After a most enjoyable day we arrived at Newburn at about 11.30 p.m., in fine trim.

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On leaving Berwick we discovered some very good runners. Unfortunately two members were badly handicapped and finished badly in the sprint.

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The Northumberland and Durham Petty Officers and Serjeants' Association Annual Rifle Meeting takes place at Ponteland on 26th of this month. We hope that some of our members will be successful.

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Except that the work is still keeping us busy, nothing else of importance is happening.

5th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,

August, 1928.

THERE is one page of the *Gazette* that the writer always hurriedly passes, and that is the first. Halfway down column 1, in the thickest of type, one reads: "All contributions must be received not later than," etc., or words to that effect. By some fate or another, that is always the first thing that catches his eye, and immediately the pangs of conscience strike him and he quickly turns over.

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Here, sitting in front of a tent (bivouac variety), within a few feet of the water's edge, the long stretch of Druridge Bay on either side, and the evening drawing to a close, one glances casually at the top of the newspaper (yesterday's) and notes the date, the 25th. Horror of horrors—those *Gazette* Notes! !

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Really, Mr. Editor, your correspondent humbly apologises and promises to amend his unpunctual ways.

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The Adjutant has just enjoyed a short spell of leave, after his arduous labours at Camp. Exactly how he spent his leave, no one has yet been able to fathom. The general theory that his handicap at the Royal and Ancient grows less and less is discredited, though there are certain visible evidences that he grows less and less. Probably it is his experience as Adjutant during our Annual Training in Camp that is beginning to tell

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upon him. Lieut. D. E. Rowe was Acting-Adjutant during this period.

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Captain and Mrs. F. H. Phillips are now returned from their honeymoon trip to Norway, where they spent an enjoyable time—at least, we expect so—apart from all the business which followed Captain Phillips wherever he went. He has now assumed the mien of all the Benedicts, and is trying to persuade himself that he is settling down.

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Our present strength is 19 Officers and 561 Other Ranks.

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The Commanding Officer is going to attend the manœuvres of the 3rd Division on Salisbury Plain from the 15th to the 22nd September, to which a portion of the experimental Armoured Force will be attached. One of the chief items of interest will be the armoured machine gun carriers, which we have all seen depicted in the illustrated papers. When Colonel Anderson returns, we expect he will have quite a lot of information to impart as to the old topic, Machine *versus* Horse, and we are looking forward to his opinions with anticipation.

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The Brigade Commander's Inspection in Quarters took place on Tuesday, 7th August, and we are pleased to say that he expressed himself as quite satisfied with all that he saw, except that our brass plate was not quite so bright as it might have been. Fatigue parties have since been at it in relays, and this defect has now been remedied.

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No. 4262886 Cpl. Team, of the Sanitary portion of Headquarter Wing, has been selected to attend a Sanitation Course at the School of Hygiene, Aldershot, from 1st to 15th September. The Sanitation personnel, like the Transport, are among those whose work is never done (in the time sense), and when Cpl. Team returns we hope he will have some labour-saving methods, apart from the old soldier's, to teach his Section.

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This year we have managed to get most of the Bounty paid out much earlier, to the great satisfaction of all. "A" and "D" Companies were paid out on the 24th, and H.Q. and "B" Companies on the 25th instant; while "C" Company is to be paid out on the 27th. Except for the stragglers who have to be paid out later, this finishes our active military duties for a short while until the commencement of our Winter Training Programme.

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At the Annual Test of Signallers, carried out at Camp, 12 out of 13 qualified as 1st Class Signallers. The Signalling Officer, Mr. Giles, and Sjt. Pringle are to be congratulated on this result.

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We congratulate No. 4258659 Fus. M. Miller and No. 4260912 Bdsmn. W. Smith, of H.Q. Wing, on being awarded the Territorial Efficiency Medal. There is now quite a "Rooty Wallah" Section in the Battalion, and "more power to its elbow."

7th BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

27th August, 1928.

WE wound up our season's Training with the usual Musketry Sunday at Moor Laws, Alnwick, on the 27th July, when the Lewis Gun Competition was fired off.

After some very good shooting, the Cup was won by C.S.M. Wade, of "B" Company, who scored a possible at each range both during his preliminary heat and the final.

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A wonderful performance, worth being proud of, and we congratulate him heartily on his success.

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This is the third successive year the Lewis Gun Cup has gone to Ashington.

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At the conclusion the Cup and prizes were presented by

Photo] [*R. J. Middlemas.*

71H BATTALION MARCHING THROUGH ALNWICK, 29TH JULY, 1928.

Colonel N. I. Wright, D.S.O., D.L., J.P., who in a few words congratulated all the competitors.

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During the early afternoon a series of demonstrations of Machine Gun, Lewis Gun, and rifle fire power, etc., were put up. These having been carefully organized by the Adjutant, were well executed and the lessons taught were brought home.

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Then followed a march through Alnwick, headed by the Drums.

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The salute was taken at the Drill Hall by Col. Wright.

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Afterwards the troops returned to home stations by busses.

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We have also had the Brigade Commander's Inspection of Drill Halls, accounts, etc.

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Congratulations to C.S.M. Cogan on the birth of a son, on 30th July.

BERWICK DETACHMENT NOTES.

The General's Inspection of the Drill Hall at Berwick-on-Tweed took place on the 27th of July, when Colonel-Commandant W. St. A. Warde-Adlam, D.S.O., paid us a visit. He was keenly interested in the arrangements made for the comfort of the men, especially the Recreation Room and Billiards Room, and by the remarks made as he left we feel sure that he was pleased with all that he saw.

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The final Musketry Sunday took place at Moor Laws on 29th of July, when the Machine Gun Platoon and the competitors for the Lewis Gun Cup made the journey.

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The Demonstrations arranged by the Adjutant were very good indeed, and were greatly appreciated by all present.

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The Detachment managed to get one representative in the final of the Lewis Gun Cup, Cpl. R. G. Milne, of No. 15 Platoon, at Wooler, who eventually managed to get 3rd place.

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We offer our congratulations to C.S.M. Wade, of "B" Company, the winner, on the splendid performance he put up; he

Photo] [*E. Gosman.*

OFFICERS, 7TH BATTALION, AT LUNCH NEAR WILTON, 5TH JULY, 1928.

made a possible at each distance, truly a performance that anyone might be proud of.

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Drills and Musketry for the season 1928 have now been completed, and I think that we should be well pleased with the results obtained.

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We are having a visit from the Government Viewers from

Photo] [*E. Gosman.*

COOKING IN THE FIELD DURING BRIGADE OPERATIONS, 5TH JULY, 1928.

Enfield, and judging by what we have seen we shall come out of this very successfully, at least we hope so.

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Recruiting for the Detachment has commenced, and we hope that it will be more successful than last year, and that the Company and H.Q. Wing will soon be up to full strength.

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It seems a pity that more employers of labour in and around this district could not become a little more interested in the movement as we are certain that this is where the trouble lies.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD.

August, 1928.

WE are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926. 10/- each.

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In the *St. George's Gazettes* of October, November and December we are going to run a novel form of competition. Particulars will appear with the competition itself, but there will be no entrance fee, and many prizes, the first and second of which will be £30 and £10. If any of you are to be away during those months be sure to arrange for your *Gazettes* to be sent on to

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you, as only the form issued with your copy can be used in competing.

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The Winter Sports Circular of the N.A.A.F.I. is to hand. It is a sad reminder that the sands of Summer are running out, but it is also a most useful memory jogger to those whose duty it is to see to their sports kit and to replenish it where prices rule low and quality rules high.

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Subscriptions due in September :—

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Capt. H. C. Attwater
Lieut. P. H. Earle
Capt. P. Parmeter

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

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Major-Gen. T. D. Pilcher, C.B.
Mrs. Arkwright
Mrs. Eva E. P. Clifford

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Stabilisation of War Pension Rates.

IT is appropriate that the tenth year since the Armistice should be marked by the important decision of the Government, announced by the Minister of Pensions recently, to maintain the rates of disability pension for the Great War, provided by the Royal Warrants (subject to suitable safeguards in the interests both of the pensioner and the State) against any reduction in consequence of a continued fall in prices. The decision, which is one of material value to pensioners of the war, is the outcome of long consideration by the Ministry and the Government, who have preferred to take the initiative in the matter rather than await pressure from outside. Suggestions have indeed been made from time to time that pension rates should be stabilised, in the sense of being immutably fixed once for all ; but the Government's scheme is even more favourable to the pensioner. He is not only safeguarded against a reduction of his pension if the cost of living should fall, but is assured of an increase of it if prices should rise above the high level of the post-war period.

The rates of pension under the Great War warrants were fixed in 1919—a time when the cost of living was more than double its pre-war figure, but were expressed to be reducible if the cost of living fell. Notwithstanding that prices have fallen since that date, successive Governments have been reluctant to make any reduction in pension rates—at any rate until a reasonable stability in the cost of living had been reached. A final decision was therefore postponed from time to time whenever the question arose. The result was uncertainty in the minds of a round million of pensioners as to whether and when their pensions were going to be reduced.

The Government's present decision means that the disabled pensioner and the widow are saved from a possible reduction in the neighbourhood of 20 per cent. in their pension rates. To the State it means that the annual liability for Great War pensions is permanently weighted by a charge which, though a diminishing one, amounts now to about 6½ million pounds on an aggregate expenditure of 57 millions.

Disability pensions of the Great War are however rightly regarded by the Government as a unique charge, and in no way comparable with pay or pension in the normal service of the State or industry. And consistently with this in view, the country may fairly claim to have dealt generously with its War pensioners. In the ten years since the Armistice the Imperial Government will have spent no less than £787,000,000 on war pensions. In the same period (after making allowance for the depreciation of the currencies) France will have spent about £450,000,000 and Germany about £350,000,000—notwithstanding that the casualties of both countries are believed to have been higher than those of the British Forces. The fact is that not only did the War Governments of this country see to it that our pension rates kept pace with the rising cost of living—as other countries, for various reasons, found themselves unable to do—but we have doubled the classes of beneficiary and more than trebled the rates of pension by comparison with pre-war days. For instance, a totally disabled pensioner of the Great War will draw for himself, his wife and say three children, £3 9s. 6d. a week ; at the rates of pre-war days he would have drawn 17s. 6d. A widow, with say two children, will receive £2 4s. 2d. a week instead of the 8s. which was drawn by her predecessor. In short, if the nation had kept the pre-war pension scheme, even with such addition to rates as represented the increased cost of living, the country would have spent 300 millions less than the amount it has actually spent on pensions.

The Government's present decision is in another direction consistent with the policy which it has steadily pursued. In the ten years since the war was effectively concluded, the vast majority of those who have suffered directly by it in mind, body or estate, have made themselves known and have received compensation. The pension list is therefore a finite list, and by natural causes, of which the principal is death, will continue to show a steady though slow diminution. As the pension list itself stabilises it becomes all the more important to give security of their compensation to all pensioners so far as is reasonably possible. Security is, in fact, being achieved by various means—by final awards of disability compensation (which gives security to the pensioner against any reduction of the assessed rate of disablement on which his pension is based), by reducing the number of medical re-examinations, and by setting a limit to the review of old standing cases. By the end of the current financial year nearly 900,000 out of the total of a million pensioners will have achieved substantial security in their title to pension. The Government's present decision goes far to complete the large measure of security thus already attained.

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURING the last two years, it has been the custom at the Regimental Depôt for all squads of recruits to proceed to the Cathedral Church of Newcastle in order that they may have shown to them the memorials to their own Regiment which are contained in that fine old building, and that they may learn also something of the history of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in past years. Before proceeding further, the writer of this short article wishes to thank the Rev. Canon Newson, Vicar of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, for his kindness in allowing him

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to use his "Guide to Newcastle Cathedral," without the help of which he could not have written this account. Portions of the script of the Guide Book are copied direct into this article.

The Church of St. Nicholas has been the Cathedral of the Diocese of Newcastle since 1882, but for nearly eight hundred years before, the church had been, as it continues to be, the Mother Church of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. As such it is now thronged by a succession of corporate bodies, Civic, University, Railwaymen, Soldiers, Friendly Societies, Juvenile Organizations, etc., who come every year, as the medieval Guilds came of old, to offer their work for the blessing of God. Most notable of all are the gatherings on the anniversary of Armistice Day. For centuries the people of Newcastle, and indeed of Tyneside, have regarded the Tower of St. Nicholas as the chief symbol of their common life, and the visitor may easily realize how such a church has become the spiritual home of the people, dearer to all because consecrated by the prayers of generation after generation.

Let us start from the north-west porch, pausing for a moment on the way before the notice on the left which speaks of St. Nicholas, Patron Saint of this church, as of some 437 churches in this country, many of them at seaports, for St. Nicholas is the Saint of sailors as well as of children. In visiting a church, always begin by taking a view of the whole from the west end. As you look eastwards from the font you may imagine the church which was founded on this site in 1091 by Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, ten years after the New Castle was founded from which the town took its name. It was probably quite a small church, just chancel and nave, suited for a very small town. But we cannot be thankful enough for the fact that this commanding site was secured before it was built over by the extending town. In 1216 the existing church was destroyed by fire. The pier embedded in the north-west column of the crossing seems to date from this (Early English) period and to show that the rebuilding started at once. In the thirteenth century the new church consisted of the present nave, the choir and the two transepts. In the fourteenth century were added, firstly the north aisle and the oak roof of the nave, which shows carved heraldic bosses of many old families, then the south aisle, and lastly the choir aisles, north and south. Looking eastward one receives an impression of spaciousness (aisle, nave, aisle being almost equal in breadth), and of a strange simplicity (the nave pillars having no capitals or ornament). The modern beauties of altar, reredos, organ and choir woodwork seen in the distance give a grand completeness to the whole.

If you now look up and round, just where you stand, you see the finest part of the whole church—the *Tower*, which was begun in 1430, the gift of Robert de Rhodes, seven times M.P. for Newcastle. Of the glory of the Tower outside no need to speak, but its glory within is no less. The massive arches and graceful ribbed vaulting are of great beauty and dignity. High in the vault round the bell-hole is the inscription: "Orate pro anima Roberti de Rodes." The marble *Font* is said to be the gift of Rhodes' niece. Its beautiful oak covering is of the early sixteenth century. In the mimic vaulting is a carved boss of the coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Against the west wall is the oak panelling of the *County War Memorial*, which commemorates every Northumberland unit which strove for us in the Great War. In this Memorial Mr. W. H. Wood has designed a thing of beauty which is in harmony with all its fine surroundings. The figures on either side of the Crucifix are St. Martin, St. George, St. Michael and St. Nicholas.

North Aisle and Lady Chapel.

Let us now begin our tour by a "left incline" to the north aisle, passing east of the great pier in order to see the beautiful little *Memorial* to the men of *this Congregation and Parish* who fell in the Great War. This is a spot kept fragrant with flowers and holy with prayers. The windows and other memorials in the north aisle are nearly all military, and many are connected with the 5th (Northumberland) Fusiliers. The fourth window on the left commemorates the members of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Regiment who gave their lives during the Great War. This fine window does as a window should—it lets in the light! Next to this window is a Panel of St. George and the Dragon, by Raemaekers, the Dutch artist: given by Mrs. Riddell in memory of her husband, the only Northumbrian General who fell on the field of battle in the Great War.

We now pass the north transept, which is occupied by the great organ. There are few finer organs in the world. We pause to note the organ case, which includes much work by Renatus Harris, 1676. A great authority declares that this magnificent case is "probably the most successful enlargement of an old English case that has yet been effected." Going still eastward, we come to *St. George's Porch* on the left. In the first window is a small piece of glass, our only survival of pre-Reformation glass, a medallion of the Virgin and Babe. From this chapel is the entrance to the *Ancient Crypt*, with its vaulted stone roof, once in use as St. Catherine's Chapel. It is lighted by a very pretty circular window, in the form commonly called the Catherine wheel, and has a Piscina in the south wall. Leaving St. George's Porch observe the series of north windows in good modern glass extending from St. George's Porch to the east end. They represent incidents in the life of our Lord from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem up to the Crucifixion. Below the steps is the *Chapel* of the *Resurrection*, with its Carolean altar and Riddel posts carved by Belgian refugees during the Great War. On the right is the *Chapel* of the *Incarnation*, or *Lady Chapel*. The altar has a painting of the Virgin and Child in the centre, with adoring angels on either side; above is a very beautiful triptych with painted panels representing the Nativity in the centre panel, with the Annunciation on the north and the Visitation on the south. On the folding doors are pictures of four prophets, who prophesied of the Christ—Isaiah and Jeremiah on the north, and David and Zechariah on the south. Confronting the altar is a large painting by Tintoretto, presented by Sir Matthew White Ridley in 1818. It represents our Lord washing the disciples' feet, and contains a small inset of the Last Supper.

South Choir Aisle and Vestries.

As we go to the steps of the south choir aisle we pass what remains of the Medieval choir stalls, placed by the wall. They are of Flemish workmanship. On the left we enter the *Vestries*, built in 1735 at the expense of Sir Walter Blackett, with the special intent of housing the Thomlinson Library (now in the care of the Free Library). The chief object of interest is the Hexham Bible, a manuscript of the thirteenth century. A Latin note on the first leaf states that it belonged to the Priory of Hexham. There are many beautifully illuminated initials in it. The parish register commences in 1558.

(To be continued).

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"Quo fata vocant."

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BIRTH.

FERGUSON.—At Newcastle-on-Tyne, 12th September, 1928, to the wife of Lce.-Cpl. J. Ferguson—a daughter, Jean. (Taken on strength of Married Quarters Roll.)

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

The following Gentleman Cadet, from the Royal Military College, to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 30th August)—C. R. M. Threlfall.

Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O., on ceasing to be employed, is placed on half-pay (dated 15th September).

Lieut. E. O. Martin to be Adjutant, *vice* Lieut. G. C. Humphreys (dated 8th September, 1928).

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

2nd-Lieut. J. J. Egglishaw, from General List, T.A., to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 29th September, 1928).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

5th Bn.—Lieut. E. C. Vardy, from Active List, to be Lieutenant (dated 12th September); Lieut. H. H. Davidson, from Active List, to be Lieutenant (dated 12th September).

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Obituary.

COL. L. T. M. NASH, C.M.G. (LATE A.M.S.).

Deep regret will be felt by all those who served with him at the Depôt, 1st Battalion at Aldershot, and 2nd Battalion in India, in the 'nineties, at the death of Colonel L. T. M. Nash, C.M.G., late A.M.S.

A kinder Medical Officer was never attached to a Regiment, and he thoroughly joined in all our activities whilst serving with us. He was especially loved by the women and children—he never spared himself in his care of them, and in his quiet friendly way helped them in their times of anxiety and sickness; whilst his love of sport, especially football, endeared him with all ranks. As *The Times* stated, in an obituary notice, "his charm, tact and wit had made him many friends."

After the war, he settled with his family in Richmond, Surrey, and regularly played golf at Sudbrook Park, frequently with Col. F. C. Turnell and other old FIFTH Officers.

Unfortunately his health for the past two years had been indifferent, and though he recovered after one serious operation to some extent, another dangerous illness supervened, and he passed away at the Military Hospital, Millbank, on the 9th September. He was 67 years of age.

He was buried in the Richmond Cemetery, on the 12th September.

He leaves a widow and two sons; the eldest is serving with the Royal Artillery in Ceylon, and the younger, who has taken up the science of Pestology, is at present in East Africa, studying the effects of insect-borne disease on men and animals. We, who have lost a sincere Regimental friend, sympathise deeply with them in their irreparable loss.

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,
September, 1928.

ONLY a few more weeks to go before the annual cycle of events is completed, to start again at York in November.

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The annual Range courses are spluttering to an end, with casuals, and Battalion and Brigade training is relegated to the limbo of the past.

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The camp at Draper's Hill ended up as a very excellent imitation of a Transport lines near Ypres during the winter months of the war, and rum and gum-boots became almost a necessity. A few wore the latter, but none had the former. So bad did the weather and camp site become, that operations were cancelled on the 4th September, and we returned to Ballykinlar on the 5th well soaked by a steady downpour. Normally we weren't due back until the 7th September.

We thus only took part in one Brigade operation, this also on a wet, miserable day. Whether it was the rain, or whether it was from other causes, we don't know, but this particular operation seemed a very slow performance. The Battalion attacked as part of a mainguard and advanced 3,000 yards in five and a half hours; but perhaps we didn't see enough of the "picture" to "visualise" properly. Battalion training was very interesting and picturesque, the latter element being supplied by the "flagged" enemy. Hillsides covered with yellow screens, khaki screens, white screens, etc., representing all kinds of arms, lent colour to the battlefields, and if these screens did move about at an impossible speed for the arms they represented it only added to our speed, and after all we are training for mobile warfare! The use of the newly-formed Machine Gun Company caused much discussion, but as the Company consisted of only about thirty N.C.O.'s and men, the remainder of the Company being represented by the inevitable screens and arrows, the opportunities of actual practice were very little, so "theory" still reigns supreme.

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One night we practised forming-up in the dark on tape lines for an attack at dawn: the enemy posts being represented by the Intelligence Section, armed with Verey Lights. As these enemy posts were less than 100 yards from the forming-up line, and as the occupants of these posts knew where this line was, it was remarkable that they heard and saw nothing, even with the help of the Verey Lights. The Companies worked very quietly, and everything went without a hitch.

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To finish up the night we did an advance on a compass-bearing for ten minutes over very rough country, and direction was well kept. Snapshots from Camp will be found elsewhere.

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The leave season has started, and the first batch have gone.

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Mr. Bolster has gone to Hythe on a Small Arms Course, and Mr. Parsons has just returned from a shooting trip to Scotland.

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Everyone is beginning to prepare to pack up for the move to York, and the Officers' Mess rings with "York and Ainstey," "Bramham Moor," etc. Tailors are busy building breeches and "pink coats," and horse-copers are lurking everywhere. Bankers, no doubt, are busy preparing pro-formas which begin, "Dear Sir,—We beg to inform you that you are overdrawn ——" etc., etc.

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Shooting and fishing are in full swing, and that inveterate "gunman," Ivor Powell, is taking a month's leave, apparently with the express purpose of "cleaning up" Counties Down and Antrim of all game before he leaves the "Emerald Isle." "Victor," of course, is participating in this forthcoming massacre.

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The Army in Ulster Golf Competition, on the Royal County Down links, at Newcastle, is on at the moment, and at the time of writing Mr. Beckwith has reached the semi-final. We wish him the best of luck.

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On 21st September, the Golf Dance takes place, at the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle. This will be about the last social function we shall attend in Northern Ireland, and it is expected to be a really "grand finale."

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The Band have gone to fulfil an engagement at Southport; we hope to get many more engagements next year. Scarborough, Harrogate, Whitby and Newcastle and the North generally will, we feel sure, avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing our Band.

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Mr. Cocks, of the "Sappers," who has stayed with us from time to time during the last two years, has presented the Mess with a beautiful silver grenade cigar lighter. We have always been more than pleased to have Cocks with us, and we shall treasure his gift. On behalf of the 1st Battalion we thank him.

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We understand that Captain Lindsay has ordered a motor-car, to enable him to carry out a thorough inspection of Yorkshire and neighbouring counties, and doubtless this car will scatter the gravel of many a drive of many a baronial hall during the next three years.

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All the married Officers have arranged habitation in York, and no doubt all the wives are busy packing up their goods and chattels, helped by advice from their "better halves," which advice is probably rarely acted on.

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Cross-country runs and football practices have begun, but we are handicapped by losing so many N.C.O.'s and men, who have either been transferred to the Reserve or to the 2nd Battalion.

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We were very glad to get a letter from Fus. Gilley about the doings of the draft to the 2nd Battalion, which is published *in toto* :—

"DRAFT, 5TH FUSILIERS,
AT SEA, 31st August.

"SIR,

"I am writing to let you know the happenings since we left Bally.

"First of all, the Draft wish to thank the Officers and other ranks for being at the station to see them all off; they would also like you to record in the *Gazette* their appreciation of the kindness to them from Miss Sandes and the ladies of the Sandes' Soldiers' Home, for the farewell supper and gifts of chocolates and handkerchiefs. Nothing really interesting happened between Belfast and Southampton, except at Euston Station we had a cup of tea and a pork pie, which was so big and heavy—I mean the pie—that we were all counted out on the way to Southampton.

"We have community singing at night, and the FIFTH are well to the fore, if not harmonious—noisy! The boxing took place during the week, and we kept up the traditions of the FIGHTING FIFTH. There were four weights, and the FIFTH won three, were in the finals of two, and received one good loser's prize. The winners were Fuslrs. Carty, Miller and Seymour. The runners-up were Fuslrs. McCaffery and Spowart, and the good loser Fus. Rowe. Fus. Carty should be quite sick after our win, as he had been betting (on the book) everybody on boardship that we would sweep the board.

"Sir, if you think there is anything of interest in these lines for the *St. George's Gazette*, we would wish to have them published, but would like you to put it more grammatically—I don't know if I spelt that word right.

"S. GILLEY."

We have not found it necessary to correct this letter in any way, and we hope Fus. Gilley will send us more news in due course. Again we wish the draft the very best of luck, and we were more than pleased they have done so well on boardship, and we feel sure that the whole draft is imbued with that *esprit-de-corps* which Gilley's letter expresses.

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A peculiar diary was found (?) by the writer of these notes, the other day, in the precincts of the Camp. Parts of it appeared to refer to the 1st Battalion, as the following extracts will show :—

Extracts from the Diary of a Dope-Fiend.

15th September.—Arrived at Tyrella Towers to stay with my aunt. Thank heaven she is short-sighted, as the strain of behaving as these wretched mortals do is more than enough for me without adding the strain of expecting my aunt to notice what she would call "a peculiar look in your eyes." I feel none too well, and must give my brain some really good feeds in this isolated spot. I hope to rise to new and greater powers of intellect. Glorious it will be to soar once more to the heights and see things as they really are, and not as these miserable beings around me see them. Now for the food, and then to bed.

16th September.—Feel very much better. I am beginning to see things once more as they really are. Went down to Ballykinlar Camp this afternoon and called on the Mess. Nice lot of fellows, and I think I surprised them with my knowledge of horses. If they only knew what a horse really was, as I know it, they would be more than surprised—in fact, they wouldn't understand. Rather a strain having to guard my tongue and only talk in a way they can understand.

I rather fear my tongue may give me away. Awful thing, in a way, to see that "shunning" look cross people's faces when they don't understand one! People hate things they don't understand. It would be a terrible tragedy to be locked up as mad, in a place where I couldn't get my brain food, and have to sink back to that low state of human intelligence. Yes, quite nice, those fellows in the Mess!

Extraordinary how in ten minutes I can know all about them—their foibles, virtues, everything. The ordinary mortal takes months to do these things, then doesn't really know.

They told me the Lewis gun was to be superseded by a better gun. I only wonder that it hasn't been before. I knew Lewis when he was inventing his gun, and I told him it was a crude, miserable implement of death. I drew him plans of a gun as I know a gun should be; but of course his brain couldn't grasp the thing at all. This stupidity is very aggravating at times. Now that I can take my brain food regularly I shall feel more normal each day.

17th September.—Wonderful feeling to-day. So vivid is everything that I am not sure whether I am writing this after the event or during. I think it must be after, but I must write as if it were taking place now. I believe it *is* taking place now. Ha! ha!

Walketh I this day? Hie, yea verily I walketh! First I must consult my speedopaceograph, for who can walk 'less he knows his speed of walking, and what does his speed of walking portend if he knows not the distance he covers? Yes, I see, I must go at a speed of 110 yards per minute for ten minutes, and 140 yards per minute for five minutes—thus, in twenty

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minutes I shall cover 2,350 yards. Wonderful! not for nothing was I first in the Tyrella Tripos.

Shall I move north, south, east or west? South will take me to sea. North is dull and cold. East is back to the sun. West I will go, to where the sun sets behind those puny hills of Mourning; all very fitting, for I have the feeling of Death about me. I pass into the camp *via* the way past the Mess. Ha! ha! Who is that on the lawn? What is he doing? Ha! Yea, 'tis one Becklewith, a lusty lad, but why does he heave that old round-shot about? I know a round-shot is shot out of cannon for killing purposes, or was rather, and I feel I ought to know why he is doing this shot heaving? But I don't know. Is he aiming at a frog or worm? No, nothing there! Strange, I ought to know. No matter, I really can't bother my brain to stoop so low as to remember the reason of such an absurd act. The shot is killing nothing, it isn't even going as far as it would if shot out of a cannon! Eugh!

Lordy me! no peace to-day; there I see that stable habitue, Stethic-Smithson. Yes, I forgot I had to pass the stablic edifice in my peregrination west. No matter, he may not see me, as he is hovering over a hippos as usual. Is that a straw he's sucking? Is that a whistling noise proceeding from his lips? Is he a man whose mental horizon is limited by the fetlocks of his steeds? No, perhaps not, for I caught him counting blankets the other morning. Funny fellow! Strange hobby, counting blankets!

Lordy me! I love Life. I love studying these strange mortals who inhabit the above-ground portions of this rabbit-warren. Look over there now, see that thin young lad twisting that tuft of hair on his head? "Fungi felit," as Virgil would say. Look at him! would you think he had rather a high-pitched vocality? Yea, verily, thou wouldst, but wrong you'd be! A scourge of a vox, a blast, a foghorn, a knelling curfew, a blistering penthalox, an unpent passoon of a vox! But no matter, I pretend I don't see him. I pass him by. Ha! ha! ten minutes has gone. I must increase to 140 per minute. Deuce take me! who's this? Ha! Young Elco, the Wrinkler, a warrior, a side-downer, a duality, a wrinkiplex! Lo! a blunderbus he carries, a borer of twelve. I must turn aside, for converse is not my metier to-day. I feel soaring, my mind is elevated above the normality of human minds. With Plato, with Socrates, with Typhoid, yea, even with Maupassant would I converse, but they, alack! are not with me: hence I must commune alone. Elco, I pass thee by and see thee not. Mine eyes are fixed on the Dundrumic constellation which looms ahead. Further off I see the Slieve Donardic ortular orefex, somewhat shrouded in mist—I must contemplate! Ha! ha! another gentleman-at-arms! Who now? Yes, Hospec, the Southlander. Wither away, Hospec:

Laden with trouble, this Hospec. Like Corysipelas, he commands a legion of varieties—anti-chariot arquebuses, moisian Heliosi and makers of barbaric music figure in his cohort—yea, a much laden man. I cast my eyes away from old Hospec until they rest on the summit of the Slieve named Vinsky—I pass him by. Hey! what sudden aroma is this? What beatific balm is this that assails my nostralic tracts? Bones? Yes, partly! Burning fat? Yes, partly. Where have I inhaled this bouquet before? The Catacombs? Yes, but not wholly. The Den of Xyclopes? Yes, but not wholly. Let me up-wind and trace it to its source. Ha! that gentle pall of smoke to the south! Ha! that funicular edifice! Ha! the place where the phalanxes burn their offal! The Incinerator tis named. A misnomer. The Balmy Putrefier shall I call it!

I am off my course—for seven minutes have I been off my course. The curse of Hades be on this collection of killers, this medley of malefactors! No peace! no peace! Ha! ha! Who is this? Why, 'tis Nunky, the Garnisher—a wiseacre this Nunky, a man doomed to have the lapels of his coat splashed with red, a man whose hatter is a brass-worker. A Thinker, this Nunky—look, so absorbed is he that he sees me not. A small following is with him—Max Pembock the Tugger, Marling of the Spike, and Sea-shore are with him, all serious and grim. Trouble brewing? I will away!

Ha! bird-life is rampant and soaring this day! Blessed is it that no man save I can name their species rightly. Look there! a friget of black-apexed bollards, flying in a circular circlox. Look there! a brit of soary soskites flying eastwards to their ravening grounds. Look there! a solitary double-breasted tarmac gliding swiftly to the kill. Wonderful! I fly with you, children of the ether; my mind soars in your convular epinoxes. I glide! I climb! I glidden! I gloop!

But no, the half-hour is up. I turn. I face the fungi erected by the hired mercenaries over yon rabbit-warren. I return at

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160 to the minute. Ha! caught! I must bring my mind from aloft and lower it to the level of this newcomer. "Good-day! Ivor Powello, I see your canine quadruped has not been trapped with poison yet. I take it you are about to study the contours of yon green mound preparatory to an attack? I envy you soldiers your opportunities of skilfully examining these geographical protuberances. Is that bump outflanked by other bumps?"

Does that hollow lead you to yon bump unseen? Is anyone likely to dispute your passage of that hollow by being stationed in that hollow himself? No, verily no! Only bumps are disputed! Rise to defend, sink to attack! Ha! ha! a principle of war. Good-day, Ivor Powello, I must away to my fond aunt, who awaits me by the Temple of Bacchus, lest I, in my rhapsodies, should stray therein in error and worship this alluring god.

Hum! I must fain pass that stablic edifice again. Ha! Stethic-Smithson still hovering! No, he's mounting a shank-hocked hippos of not unworthy mien. Fine figure of a horseman he cuts! A young Napoleon, a Cæsar, a Yocki—any of these he looks!

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Who's that? Why, yes! 'Tis Roland de Lindseed, the

"W" Company, 1st Bn. 5th Fusiliers.

Battalion Training, Hamilton's Folly, Co. Down, August, 1928.

mummer, the mime, the frequenter of gilded halls—baronial,

"W" Company at the Halt.

Anti-aircraft defence.

not musical. A lad of happy mien; a prancer; a follower of the great Burke.

Well, well! I must to the back-door of the Temple of Bacchus, lest mine aunt see me.

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"Victor."

Our Ivor went a-shooting in his most be-chequered "bocks,"
Plus anything they might have been! his stockings might be socks!
With gun and cartridge bag and dog, he swaggered up the road,
And with such boastful chat as this beguiled us as he strode:
"You wait and see my Victor dog! *he'll* show 'em all the way!
You should have seen how he retrieved four snipe the other day!"
The company, with sickly grins, said: "We will watch indeed,
But do you mind if we suggest you keep him on a lead?"
Our Ivor well-nigh split with rage (his wrath could not conceal).
"I'll tell you this," . . . he stuttered. "*Here*, Victor, come to heel!
Where has he gone now, by-the-way? Is that him over there?
What? chasing rabbits, did you say? To *heel* now, Victor, *here*!"

He yelled to Vic. quite half an hour, and all the other dogs
Most wild and stupid did become. As we approached the bogs,
Some snipe got up—soon fell to earth. "Go in, Vic.," Ivor shouted.
The dog, he paid no heed at all, and with a clod was clouted.
"He has no chance," our Ivor said, "with *curs* the like of these!
If you will all keep quiet a bit, he'll bring it by degrees."
At last that Victor dog appeared, he'd tried the snipe to eat;
A very bitten little bird was laid at Ivor's feet.
Our Ivor most superior looked, his wrath to joy gave place;
The dog he pat, to words like these: "My *Wickles, Mossy-face*"!

"Bystander."

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"Farewell! County Down."

Farewell! County Down, to your hills and your mountains.
Farewell! to your lochs and your bogs.
For our time's getting short, and the days I am countin'
For wand'ring abroad with my dogs.

Farewell! County Down, to your walls, banks and ditches.
Farewell! to the stag and the hare.
We must take to pink coats and the whitest of breeches,
Our ratcatcher no more to wear.

Farewell! County Down, to the best of golf courses.
Farewell! to your rivers and streams.
We reluctantly take away clubs, rods, guns, horses;
Each sportsman has realised his dreams!

Farewell! to you *all*, from the great "Old and Bold."
(Be our stations in country or town)
The tale we'll be telling will never grow old,
Of the sport 'neath the grey skies of Down!

"Bystander."

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Once more we have to record the passing of Battalion and Brigade training, and their relegation to things of the past.

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The selected site for this year's training was Draper's Hill, a sheltered spot between Dunmore Mountain, Edendariff and Draper's Hill itself.

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Although an improvement on the camp of last year at Bohill, this year's site left much room for improvement.

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As is customary in this District, the scheduled period for training had to be curtailed—due, we surmise, to the weather conditions.

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Most of us—that is to say those who had the doubtful pleasure of being at Bohill, appreciated the less arduous and hazardous task of getting to the Mess for meals and recreation in this camp.

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Swimming to the Mess was unnecessary, but the conditions were such that a correct poise was absolutely necessary, otherwise one was liable to be unceremoniously deposited in the mud, before reaching the Mess.

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But even this was easy when compared with having to swim to a meal, and then having to sit and wait with bated breath watching the progress or otherwise of an aquatic waiter bravely endeavouring to reach you with a meal.

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To those who succeeded in reaching the Mess this year without tasting the bitters of the evil-smelling mud, some pleasure was afforded, as it was possible to touch the bottom, which was composed of wood in the form of tent boards.

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Full marks are awarded, and our grateful thanks extended to the "Q" branch for this achievement.

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In addition to this one could listen to the noises in the air which are associated with wireless.

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This blessing was bestowed upon us by the thoughtful action of "Condenser," who ran an aerial along the ridge pole.

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It is much regretted that the second projected Brigade operation did not take place, as certain members were preparing a paper for the powers-that-be on the damp-resisting capabilities of the present day S.D. garment.

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As regards the one and only operation, the tacticians of the Mess are divided in their opinions as to which side gained the advantage.

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One member in particular is much averse to the system of screens representing Platoons of Infantry, more so when the man carrying the said screens does not display it in the proper manner till the said dissatisfied warrior is within a few feet of him.

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But surely surprise is one of the first rules for the conduct of battle, and all commanders should endeavour to create this devastating method of dealing with an enemy.

Perhaps with a more studious perusal of the various manuals

"W" COMPANY.

C.S.M. SCOTT (*with helmet*), SJT. HARRIS (*centre*), SJT. BELLAMY.

the knowledge of the disgruntled one will improve and permit him to see eye to eye.

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What would he—(never mind Napoleon)—have done under similar circumstances? I ask you.

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It would be interesting to know who was the junior commander, employed with an Advance Guard, and with nerves on edge, that ordered his command to open fire on a herd of cows, having mistaken the said cows for the enemy.

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Surely he cannot plead nerve strain for his unwarrantable action, as this occurred very early in the WAR.

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His scouts may have erred, but more likely his pugnacious spirit was at fault.

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The Billiards world has been very quiet since our last notes, so that little can be chronicled about it.

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There is one outstanding occurrence which may interest cueists, and that is another championship has been created.

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It is called the Second String, or Young Bloods' Championship.

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The conditions of this contest are somewhat vague. Possibly after perusing these notes the heads of the Billiards Committee will clear the air.

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If this competition, as its name implies, is solely for young bloods of the second string, why is it so many refrain from competing.

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Surely the rules make it compulsory to enter. If not, why the high-sounding title of Champion (Junior) of the Mess, when up to the present only two competitors grace the green cloth with their antics?

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Perhaps the fact that the championship can only be held for one week is acting as a deterrent to the other young bloods who fancy their chances.

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It is suggested that the holder be allowed to reign for one month; this may create further competition and stimulate interest.

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At present only "Steve" and "The Flag" try conclusions for the honour, and the members of the senior division are somewhat perturbed over the regularity with which this honour changes hands.

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It seems that a long search will be necessary before a junior who can hold the title for two successive periods can be unearthed. So how the seniors are going to retire from the game at present goodness only knows.

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There is some gratification in seeing that "Kenneth" is improving with age. He certainly perseveres, but one is inclined to think he has lingered a rather long while.

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Since returning from training we have completed the competition for the Whitaker Cup.

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For the second year in succession we have to congratulate

HANDING IN BLANKETS, DRAPERS HILL CAMP.

C.Q.M.S. Irwin on being the winner. May he manage the hat-trick in 1929.

Appended are the full results:—

Practice 1.—Five rounds Snapshooting at 300 yards, 5 secs. exposure.

Practice 2.—Fifteen rounds Rapid at 300 yards, 1 minute allowed.

Practice 3.—Five rounds Application at 500 yards, firing in the Open.

H.P.S. = 80.

	Practice.			
	1.	2.	3.	Total.
C/Sjt. Irwin	15	39	14	68
Sjt. Hullyer	9	39	18	66
Sjt. Beatty	9	39	14	62
C.S.M. Scott	9	41	11	61
Sjt. Lynch	12	35	12	59
Drm.-Major Hebbron ..	12	26	17	55
Sjt. Hobbs	6	32	13	51
Sjt. Dennis	6	27	17	50
Sjt. Mathewson ..	3	29	17	49
Sjt. Holmes	6	30	12	48
Sjt. Bellamy	9	27	9	45
Sjt. Starbuck	9	20	12	41
C.S.M. Ratliff	6	18	16	40
C.S.M. Carlin	0	20	17	37
R.Q.M.S. Capstaff ..	9	20	8	37
C.S.M. Danaford ..	9	24	3	36
Sjt. Donovan	6	19	11	36
R.S.M. Rowsell	0	22	12	34
Sjt. Ross	6	15	22	33
Sjt. Hutchinson ..	6	21	5	32
Sjt. Humphreys ..	6	18	8	32
Sjt. Swain	6	11	12	29
Sjt. Harris	3	23	2	28
Sjt. West	0	11	17	28
C/Sjt. Bramley	0	16	11	27
Sjt. Mears	3	19	5	27
Sjt. Moore	0	14	11	25
Sjt. Croft	3	16	6	25
Sjt. Keyte (R.A.M.C.) ..	0	16	6	22
Sjt. Haddon	0	18	3	21
Sjt. Forbes	6	11	1	18
C.S.M. Newton	0	2	10	12

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It is hoped that our readers will not be too critical over the efforts of some of us.

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An analysis of the scores brings to light the coincidence that both the Old Soldiers (over 18 years' service) and the Young Soldiers scored the same total points.

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Of the former, 15 competed, and of the latter 16. The average of the Old Soldiers works out at 40.4, and that of the Young Soldiers at 37.87. The average for those who competed is 39.13.

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It was very pleasing to see such a large turn-out, and the members are congratulated on the spirit displayed.

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In conjunction with the Cup Competition, Pool Shooting was carried out at both distances.

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Successful competitors were as follows :—300 *Yards*—Sjt. Lynch, Sjt. Moore and Sjt. Croft. At 500 *Yards*—C.S.M. Carlin, Sjt. Lynch and Sjt. Hobbs.

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The Pool Bull was of 1 inch diameter.

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At 500 yards a sweepstake was held. The conditions were 15 rounds Rapid in the Open, in 1 minute. The best score was put up by C.Q.M.S. Irwin, who registered 37 out of a possible 45.

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Two of our members, Lce.-Sjts. Hackett and Purcell, have been away at Hythe, but have not yet returned.

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The results of their labours are not yet to hand, but we hope that both will obtain the mystic letter " D."

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Consequent on the disbandment of the West African Regiment, two old hands—to wit, C.S.M.'s Newton and Taylor—have been re-posted to the Battalion.

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" Buck " Newton has re-joined, looking fit and well, but " Buck " Taylor is still on leave. We welcome both.

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Ere these notes are in print " Alf " will have left us, on posting to the Permanent Staff of the 4th Battalion (T.A.).

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We wish him success, and hope to see him again. Possibly at York, on 23rd April, 1929.

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" Bill " has gone on leave, preparatory to proceeding with the Advance Party. We hear he is somewhere in the Irish Free State, and we hope will return.

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Since our last notes we have said good-bye to C.S.M. Scally (" Paddy "), who has gone to pension.

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He rejoined the Details while we were at Camp, paid a fleeting visit to the Camp to say good-bye, and disappeared.

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Many of us did not see him before he went, but take this opportunity of wishing him good luck.

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We understand that he is a specialist in the method of recording pedigrees of his famous brooders.

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He has gone to Athlone, and latest advices state that he was temporarily employed as a clerk to a bookmaker, with prospects of employment as steward and caretaker of the Athlone Branch of the British Legion.

We are pleased to see that he has been so fortunate, and hope that Dame Fortune will continue to smile upon him.

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His bright smile haunts us still.

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May we meet again, " Paddy."

" PACKY."

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

September, 1928.

Last month's notes terminated on the 20th of August, when we moved to Camp, and now we can take up the broken thread and relate our experiences of Camp life.

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We had a very short stay at Draper's Hill, owing to the heavy rainfall and the boggy nature of the ground where our camp was pitched.

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During three years' sojourn in the Emerald Isle we have had one day of Brigade manœuvres.

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Possibly we may remember this fact when we get to York.

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For the benefit of members I had better publish this latest fact :—York is situated somewhere in the county of Durham—that is, according to our P.T. Staff.

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Please whisper, every man to his own job.

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Incidents that might have been serious accidents were common during the climbs over the rocky ground that was selected for training.

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A studiously careful Corporal led his gun team around a peak, whilst an intrepid Subaltern elected to go over the crest.

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Imagine the consternation of this good Corporal when he saw this dashing Officer disappear.

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How he runs to the rescue! and then finds his Officer sitting in one of the many pits and using some big d——'s to aid his vocal expressions.

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As the scene was described later, it was said that the orator became inebriated by the exuberance of his own verbosity.

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" Loto " became very popular during our spare moments, and it is rumoured that " Peachy " is living on the fat of the land since our return.

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Snooker, Voluntaire and Slosh have, in turn, held sway on the green, and the " Jazz King " is an able exponent at each game.

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We greatly regret the departure of Cpls. Kirby and Thompson and Lce.-Cpl. Glenn, who have been transferred to the Army Reserve, and wish them every success in civil life.

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We welcome Cpls. Maddix and Bell, who have returned to us from the Depôt ; but regret losing Cpls. Jarmain and Jamieson, who have gone to the Depôt.

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Change is the spice of life, and the "Fold" wish success to the inter-change.

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Lce.-Cpl. Baker has returned from the Northamptonshire Regiment, after a six months' sojourn, and has now settled down.

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Congratulations are extended to Lce.-Cpl. Longstaff on his promotion to Corporal.

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The undermentioned have been appointed unpaid Lance-Corporals, and are cordially welcomed to the fold :—Lce.-Cpls. Buchanan, McHale, Golightly, J. Smith, Thompson, F. Smith, Wilson, Hanlon, Sinton, Waggott, Kerridge, Ward, Blackburn, Henderson, Riley, Wolstenholme, Crosby, Fitzgerland, Wilson.

"BLUFF."

BLINDED IN WAR !

No man who wears the uniform of any branch of His Majesty's Forces can fail to be sympathetically interested in the way the men blinded in the War are fighting their handicap.

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has, since the early days of the War, undertaken the sole responsibility for the training, settlement and After-Care of these men, and has given a pledge to help them in every possible way for the rest of their lives.

St. Dunstan's receives no State aid or Government grant whatever, and is entirely dependent upon voluntary help for raising the large annual income needed for carrying on its great work. St. Dunstan's responsibility does not end with the care of the men blinded in the Great War—it will care in the same way for men blinded in any future wars.

An appeal is made for each regiment to establish a "St. Dunstan's Fund" which under the charge of a small Committee of an Officer, N.C.O.'s and Men would, by inviting small but regular contributions from all ranks, by organising concerts, sports, &c., in further aid of the Fund, be able to make an annual donation towards St. Dunstan's for their war-blinded comrades.

Full details as to the best method of launching such a Fund, keeping interest in it alive, and simplifying its working, will be gladly sent on application to

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INNER CIRCLE, REGENT'S PARK,
LONDON, N.W. 1.

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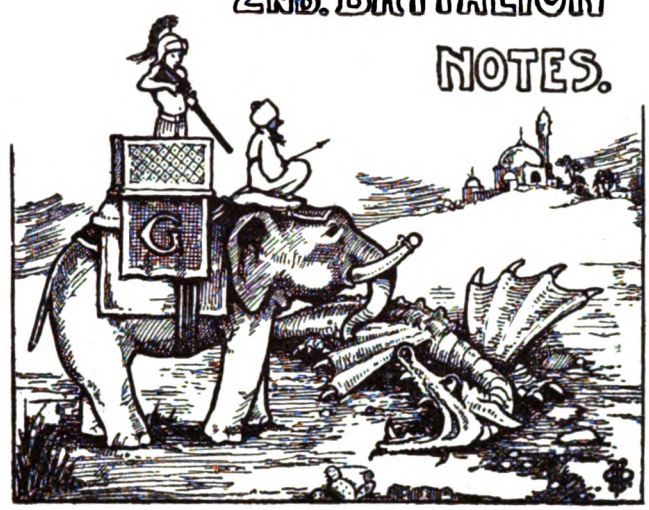

CHERAT,

August, 1928.

OUR nerves shattered by floods and earthquakes and by threats of death and desolation at the hands of man and nature, we come safely and thankfully to the end of August.

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Some weeks ago our old friend of last year, Sultan Mir, stretched himself and fingered his knife, in his village across the border. In a few hours the news flashed along the length and breadth of the Frontier : thousands of troops stood to arms, ammunition was issued, extra piquets posted, and each man on going to bed took a last long lingering look at the world he knew, not knowing that he might not wake in a world he knew not, with a knife wound across his ghostly throat.

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Weeks passed ; then one day the spy from Sultan Mir's village came into Peshawar. "Yes," he said calmly ; "Sultan Mir did sit up in bed and have his finger nails cut a few weeks ago."

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Nowshera has been a hive of activity of late, preparing for the threatening flood of the Indus, which, if it takes place, will hold up the waters of the Kabul and cause the inundation of the low-lying parts of the town and cantonments. The Shyok Glacier has blocked the valley near the source north of Leh, in Kashmir, with the result that a lake 9 miles long, 300 feet deep, and containing millions of tons of water, is pent up and threatening to burst the ice barrier. Although the distance from Attock is nearly 500 miles, the valley is so narrow that it is believed that the flood will have enough power to throw a considerable strain on the Attock Bridge, our only link with Hindustan. Added to this, the logs and other floating debris is likely to damage the piers of the bridge.

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On the cantonment side of the Kabul River, the Grand Trunk Road runs parallel with, and about 400 yards distant from, the river, and is built upon a bund, thus forming a natural barrier, which has been strengthened with sand bags at the culverts and cross roads. Fortunately our Detachment lives

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over on the safe side of this, but the Club, Officers' Mess and bungalows are in the danger area and will have to be evacuated if the flood comes.

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The warning system is by beacons to Leh, whence a special wire has been laid to Srinagar, and so to the chief points in the Indus Valley. This system was tried out by someone who either by accident or malevolence set fire to one of the beacons, and proved efficient, the threatened part of Nowshera being evacuated and the refugees housed in a temporary camp within a few hours.

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On 10th August we experienced quite a satisfying earthquake shock, which took place while we were dining. Our calmness in an emergency was amply proved, for, although the pictures were swinging on the walls, the cutlery rattling, and the whole building shaking, only one Officer was seen to miss a beat of the jaws; the remainder masticated without a falter.

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On the 18th, Brigadier C. M. Wagstaff inspected the Battalion at normal training and expressed satisfaction with all he saw except the Machine Gunners, who horrified him with the violence and abandon with which men and guns hortled through space on to razor edged rocks and heaps of jagged flints. He was respectfully invited to step along to some flat ground and see what they really could do, but it was more than he could bear. The same evening the Brigadier and the Officers of the K.O.Y.L.I. dined with us as guests of the Regiment.

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Chakor and partridge shooting opens on the 1st September, and reports of birds are good. There is probably for many no more joyous task in the year than getting out the old gun after months of rest, cleaning and re-oiling him, sorting cartridges and looking over one's shooting kit. The first shoot is fixed for the 4th of September—a two day affair, sleeping for the night at the village of our old friend of last year, Shabat Khan of Tutki. An excellent account of one of our "expeditions" last year appeared in the July number of the *Fighting Forces*, written by Capt. T. B. Butt, the K.O.Y.L.I.

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Mr. E. O. Martin returned on 9th August, from 9 months' leave in England, and has succeeded in making us all exceedingly home-sick with his tales of hunting and polo in Ireland, racing all over the Kingdom, and of resorts of our youth in W. 1.

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In games this month shows an unbroken record of success in every department. The following is a summary of Regimental matches played :—

Football.	*v.* York and Lancaster Regt.	Won, 3—2.
	v. K.O.Y.L.I.	Won, 2—1.
Hockey.	*v.* K.O.Y.L.I.	Won, 4—2.
	v. K.O.Y.L.I.	Won, 4—1.
Cricket.	*v.* K.O.Y.L.I.	Won.

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We hope that the run will be maintained by the team playing the Muree Hockey Tournament early in September.

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Our two football victories are particularly satisfactory, as both our victims are in Cherat training specially for the Durand Cup, while our team contained only eight Regimental players. The York and Lancaster Regt. are the holders of the Durand Cup, and the K.O.Y.L.I. were semi-finalists in the A.I.F.A. Shield.

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In the first match against the York and Lancaster Regt., on 21st August, our team set a hot pace from the start, and by sheer hard play upset our more scientific opponents. In fact, until the last ten minutes our side was on the offensive the whole time, and with more luck might have scored several more goals. Early on in the game they broke away and scored, but immediately our forwards retaliated by a spirited attack, which was only stopped at the cost of a penalty kick. Their goalkeeper stopped the shot, but Lce.-Cpl. Clayton banged the ball in from the rebound. Just before half-time another attack was again stopped in the penalty area, and Lce.-Cpl. Gillon made no mistake over the shot. Our third goal was scored in the second half by Lce.-Cpl. Gillon from a scrimmage in front of goal. After this the pace slackened down, and the opponents took the offensive, scoring their second goal just before time. The lessons our team should learn from this are (1) That pace and guts will generally beat science in Army football, and (2) That however big ones lead one must never slack off at the end.

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The second match against the K.O.Y.L.I. was played on 25th August, and was as exciting a match as one could hope to see. There were about a thousand spectators from both Regiments, besides many hundreds of Indians, many of whom had their anna or two on the match. The K.O.Y.L.I. started the offensive and gave us a hot time for some minutes, but Fus. McGiven saved brilliantly and the attack moved to the opposite end of the field. After twenty minutes' play with the wind in our favour their goalkeeper was slow in getting the ball away, and Fus. Evans was on him and sent man and ball into the net. We continued to attack, and after several missed chances Fus. Watson scored.

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In the second half, with the wind in our faces, we still kept the ball out of our half, except on one occasion when they scored from a melee in front of goal.

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There was no further score, although Fus. Calvert with a beautiful shot from forty yards hit the cross bar, and at least two more goals were brilliantly saved by their goalkeeper.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Nothing unduly exciting has occurred since the last issue of the *Gazette*, with the exception of a most enjoyable trip up the Khyber Pass to the Afghan Frontier, undertaken by a number of our members, who took some excellent photos, all of which could not be developed in time for inclusion in this issue. However, a fully illustrated account will appear in next month's notes.

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The tail end of the monsoon struck Cherat recently, accompanied by a somewhat cyclonic disturbance in the vicinity of our tennis courts—but what threatened to be a veritable "storm centre" eventually died out in a "light breeze."

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The Single members again endeavoured to haul down the colours of the Married at football. The men "in harness" once more displayed a decided superiority, winning comfortably by 4 goals to 2.

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Now that it is definitely ruled that the Battalion moves to Lahore in November, we can look forward to attending the Christmas Races. It is confidently expected that a certain C.Q.M.S. will furnish an entrant for the "Matrimonial Stakes."

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We heartily congratulate C.S.M. and Mrs. Davis on the birth of a little "Fred" at Cherat, on 20th August.

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Miss M. Bradley, our Schoolmistress, is leaving us shortly, after a very brief stay in India. While with the Battalion she has proved herself to be a competent and conscientious teacher, and one and all will regret her departure. She sails on the *City of Canterbury*, leaving Bombay on 13th September for Liverpool. Miss Bradley's departure has been hastened by reason of her wishing to be home in time for the "Aldershot Matrimonial Stakes"—in other words, the lucky man's name is R.S.M. E. Robinson, of the 1st King's Dragoon Guards, stationed at Aldershot. We all wish her *bon voyage*, and every happiness in her new sphere of life.

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DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

September, 1928.

DURING the period 1st January, 1928, to 1st September, 131 recruits were enlisted for the Regiment. It may be interesting to know the various places from which recruits came, viz :—

Newcastle-upon-Tyne	55
Durham	55
Middlesborough	14
Berwick-on-Tweed	5
Bury St. Edmunds	1
Carlisle	1

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At present we have 3 Squads at the Depôt, of 30 each, viz. :—

June Squad (Sjt. Fitzgerald), 29 men—12th week of training.
July Squad (Sjt. Peppiatt), 30 men—6th week of training.
August Squad (Sjt. Chapman), 31 men—2nd week of training.

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Also a few unsquadded men who are waiting for the proper quota of men for a squad to be formed.

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The strength of the Depôt at the present time is 163, which includes Depôt Staff and Recruits.

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During the period 1st January to the present date we have had a large number of Officers and N.C.O.'s and Men or Territorial Units attached to the Depôt for courses, viz. :—24 Officers and 250 N.C.O.'s and Men.

On the 11th September, the 5th/68th Regimental Depôt had their annual Inspection by Major-General H. W. Newcome, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the 50th Northumbrian Division, accompanied by his Staff Officer, Captain A. S. Stokes-Roberts, O.B.E., M.C.

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During next month the Commander-in-Chief, Northern Command, and the Colonel of the Regiment have signified their intentions of inspecting the Depôt.

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H.M.S. *Nelson*—the largest and latest battleship afloat—has been in the Tyne for the last few days, and was the recipient of a silver bell, presented by the Citizens of Newcastle. The Army in Newcastle played H.M.S. *Nelson* at football, on the Garrison Ground, on 17th September—a good game, resulting in a win for the Army by 6 goals to 1. The game caused great interest to some 500 spectators.

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The Lord Mayor of Newcastle-on-Tyne kindly entertained our Depôt team to luncheon before the match.

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Visitors to the Depôt this month—all of whom we were delighted to see—were General Yatman, Lt.-Col. Rushbrooke and Mr. Grimley, on leave from the 2nd Battalion. We hope that all Officers on leave from India will pay the Depôt a visit, and we shall be delighted to see them.

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For the next two or three years they can kill two birds with one stone by visiting the 1st Battalion at York, and then come on to the Depôt. Officers past and present please note.

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On 10th October Their Majesties the King and Queen intend to visit Newcastle-on-Tyne, to open the new Tyne Bridge. The 5th/68th Regimental Depôt is going to provide a Guard of Honour, under the command of Captain J. H. Hogshaw.

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The following were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education, dated Newcastle-on-Tyne, 24th August, 1928 :—

4266515 Fus. T. F. G. Anderson	4266540 Fus. J. Anderson
4266399 Fus. E. T. Ainslie	4266143 Fus. F. L. Baglee
4266523 Fus. F. Baines	4266484 Fus. R. Barron
4266541 Fus. J. Bell	4266547 Fus. J. Cusack
4266490 Fus. W. Cheal	4266535 Fus. W. Cook
4266522 Fus. A. Cook	4266531 Fus. A. Craig
4266498 Fus. M. Emmerson	4266398 Fus. C. C. Elliott
4266554 Fus. A. Edmunds	4266487 Fus. E. Hardy
4264926 Fus. J. Hetherington	4264183 Fus. S. Hood
4796605 Fus. J. W. Hodgson	4266552 Fus. N. Kelly
4266507 Fus. F. McGeary	4264449 Fus. R. A. McTeer
4266525 Fus. W. Murphy	4266489 Fus. J. Phillips
4266488 Fus. H. Parks	4266499 Fus. M. Place
4266521 Fus. R. Pritchard	4609046 Fus. T. R. Roper
4266533 Fus. M. Rogers	4266517 Fus. W. Stevens
4266557 Fus. G. H. Stephenson	4266555 Fus. G. J. Shearer
4265155 Fus. G. Swinney	4266516 Fus. T. Telford
4265597 Fus. J. Wood	4266534 Fus. J. G. Welford
4266497 Fus. J. T. Walker	

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The following were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education, dated Newcastle-on-Tyne, 30th July, 1928 :—

4266071 Fus. G. Greenwood 4265969 Fus. G. Scott

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No. 4262726 Cpl. M. Bell was re-posted to 1st Battalion, 30th August, 1928, on completion of his tour of duty.

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Cpls. Jarmain and Jamieson were posted to the Depôt for a tour of duty, 30th August, 1928.

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No. 4256101 Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) J. E. Wardle has been permitted to continue in the Service beyond 21 years, to 10th August, 1930.

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R.Q.M.S. Redhead and Sjt. Hunter returned from the Guards Depôt, Canterbury, 8th September, 1928, on completion of a Drill Course, both obtained a very satisfactory report.

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Sjt. Meadows has been transferred to the Military Hospital, York, and has been placed on the dangerously ill list. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

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No. 4256723 Cpl. F. Horlington was appointed paid Lance-Serjeant from 31st August, 1928.

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No. 4256723 Cpl. F. Horlington was awarded the Army 1st Class Certificate of Education, dated March, 1928. More strength to his elbow.

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No. 4264336 Lce.-Cpl. R. Gray was posted to the Depôt for a tour of duty on 1st September, 1928.

SPORTS NOTES.

The Annual Sports, open to Platoons of the Depôt Staff and Squads of the Recruit Company, took place on the afternoon of the 6th September. We were fortunate in having good weather.

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The Depôt Challenge Cup (open to Depôt Staff, Platoons and Recruit Company Squads) and the Inter-Squad Shield were won by June Squad. The detailed results were as follows :—

Half Mile Relay (Teams of 3—2 at 220 yds., 1 at 440 yds.).

1, No. 2 Platoon ; 2, June Squad ; 3, No. 1 Platoon.

300 *Yards Relay* (Teams of 3 at 100 yds.).

1, July Squad ; 2, No. 2 Platoon ; 3, June Squad.

One Mile Team (Teams of 3).

1, July Squad ; 2, June Squad ; 3, No. 2 Platoon.

660 *Yards Relay* (Teams of 3 at 220 yds.).

1, No. 1 Platoon ; 2, June Squad ; 3, No. 2 Platoon.

Tug-of-War (Semi-Final).

No. 2 Platoon defeated June Squad ; No. 1 Platoon defeated July Squad.

Final.

No. 2 Platoon defeated No. 1 Platoon.

One Mile Relay (Teams of 3—2 at 440 yds., 1 at 880 yds.).

1, June Squad ; 2, No. 1 Platoon ; 3, July Squad.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (24 Competitors).

1, Sjt. Peppiatt (93½ yds.) ; 2, Fus. Sanderson (91 yds.).

1,320 *Yards Relay* (Teams of 3 at 440 yds.).

1, June Squad ; 2, July Squad.

880 *Yards Team* (Teams of 3).

1, No. 2 Platoon ; 2, July Squad ; 3, June Squad.

Four-legged Race.

1, Cpl. Jamieson, Cpl. Turnbull, Dmr. McCartney ; 2, Fus. Swinney, Fus. Watson, Fus. McTeer.

Children's Races.

Girls under 10.

1, Irene Groves ; 2, Vera Groves ; 3, Joyce Redhead ; 4, S. Oyston.

Boys over 10.

1, D. Peppiatt ; 2, N. Peppiatt ; 3, W. Tradewell.

Boys under 10.

1, J. Annison ; 2, G. Jamieson.

Innumerable consolation prizes were also awarded.

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The points for the Depôt Challenge Cup and Inter-Squad Shield were as follows :—

1, June Squad (Sjt. Fitzgerald)	46
2, July Squad (Sjt. Peppiatt)	34
3, No. 2 Platoon	29
4, No. 1 Platoon	23

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The Officials were as follows :—

Chief Judge—Major Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.
Judges—The Officers.
Chief Whip—R.S.M. Groves.
Starter—Q.M.S.I. Horlock, A.P.T.S.
Recorder—Sjt. Thompson, A.E.C.

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At the conclusion of the programme the prizes were presented by the Commanding Officer.

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Cross-Country Run.

The Annual Cross-Country Run (open to Platoons of the Depôt Staff and Squads of the Recruit Company) was to have been held on the 23rd of August, but had to be postponed for twenty-four hours owing to the bad weather conditions. We were just as unfortunate on the 24th, when the run took place in a deluge of rain.

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This year there were only four teams—the two Platoons of the Depôt Staff, June and July Squads. Each team consisted

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of 12 runners. The course was an unusually short one, being under three miles, but in selecting the course due consideration

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CARDEN SHOOTING SHIELD.

Presented by Mrs. Carden, O.B.E., the work of the late Major-General George Carden. To be competed for annually between Officers and Serjeants at the Regimental Depôt.

was given to the short service of the two Recruit Squads. The result was :—

	Points towards Depôt Challenge Cup and Inter-Squad Shield.
1, July Squad	8
2, June Squad	6
3, No. 2 Platoon ..	4
4, No. 1 Platoon ..	2

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After the race the Commanding Officer presented Cups to the 1st and 2nd individuals home :—

1, Fus. Vasey (July Squad).
2, Fus. Thackery (July Squad).

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Association Football.

Football is now in full swing, and the first few weeks of the season have been profitably spent by having a series of trial games and practice matches with a view to selecting a team to represent the Depôt in the Garrison League and the Tyneside Wednesday League. We miss the valuable services of Cpl. Babbington at centre-half, and we are also about to lose our outside-left in Fus. Nicholson ; but, on the other hand, our team has been strengthened by the arrival of Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, Cpl. Jarmain and Lce.-Cpl. Gray, all of whom have joined from the 1st Battalion since last season. The following shows the results of all trial games to date :—

30th August. Depôt *v.* Depôt, D.L.I. Won, 4—2.
Fus. J. Sanderson (*goal*) ; Dmr. McCartney and Sjt. Peppiatt (*backs*) ; Lce.-Cpl. Avery, Sjt. Bowker, Lce.-Cpl. Gregory (*halves*) Fus. Cuthbert, Cpl. Smart, Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, Fus. McDonald and Fus. A. E. Nicholson (*forwards*).

5th September. Depôt *v.* 21st Field Brigade R.A. Won, 5—2.
Fus. J. Sanderson (*goal*) ; Dmr. McCartney, Fus. Foster (*backs*) ; Sjt. Bowker, Lce.-Cpl. Gray, Fus. Boyd (*halves*) ; Lce.-Cpl. Avery, Cpl. Smart, Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, Lce.-Cpl. Gregory, Fus. A. E. Nicholson (*forwards*).

10th September. Depôt *v.* Bentinck Celtic. Won, 4—0.
Fus. J. Sanderson (*goal*) ; Dmr. McCartney, Sjt. Peppiatt (*backs*) ; Lce.-Cpl. Avery, Lce.-Cpl. Gray ; Lce.-Cpl. Fox (*halves*) ; Fus. Cuthbert, Cpl. Smart, Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, Cpl. Jarmain, Lce.-Cpl. Gregory (*forwards*).

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The Recruits have also not been idle, as the Recruit Company Selection Committee has been busily occupied in finding suitable material to represent us in the Northern Command Inter-Depôt Association Football Challenge Cup.

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The following trial games have been played :—

29th August. June Squad *v.* July Squad.
July Squad defeated June Squad by 2 goals to nil.

3rd September. Depôt Staff *v.* Recruits. The Depôt Staff defeated the Recruits by 4 goals to 1.
Depôt Staff.—Fus. J. Sanderson (*goal*) ; Dmr. McCartney, Sjt. Peppiatt (*backs*) ; Sjt. Bowker, Lce.-Cpl. Gray, Cpl. Jarmain (*halves*) ; Fus. Cuthbert, Cpl. Smart, Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, Lce.-Cpl. Gregory, Fus. A. E. Nicholson (*forwards*), *Recruits.*—Fus. Gofton (*goal*) ; Fus. Welford, Fus. Foster

Photo] [*E. W. Gosman.*

DEPÔT WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERJEANTS—WINNERS OF THE CARDEN SHIELD, 1928.

Standing (left to right)—C.S.M. Curtis. Sjt. Fitzgerald. Sjt. Peppiatt. C.Q.M.S. Lewis.
Sitting (left to right).—Sjt. Chapman. R.S.M. Groves. Sjt. Marr.

(*backs*) ; Fus. Cheal, Fus. Boyd, Lce.-Cpl. Morrison (*halves*) ; Fus|rs. Vasey, Elliott, Ashbridge, Hardy, Telford (*forwards*),

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13th September. June and July Squads *v.* August Squad. June and July Squads defeated August Squad by 2 goals to 1.

August Squad.—Fus. Marley (*goal*) ; Fus. Hammant, Fus. Digney (*backs*) ; Fuslrs. Patterson, Worthy and Hutchinson (*halves*) ; Fuslrs. Taylor, Lynch, Weldon, Gibson and Clarke (*forwards*).

June and July Squads.—Fus. Gofton (*goal*) ; Fuslrs. Watson and Barron (*backs*) ; Fuslrs. Hetherington, Swinney and Cusack (*halves*) ; Fuslrs. Ainslie, McTeer, Thackeray, Wood and Edmunds (*forwards*).

18th September. Depôt Staff (2nd XI.) *v.* Recruits. The Depôt Staff 2nd XI. defeated the Recruits by 4 goals to 3.

Depôt Staff 2nd XI.—Fus. Urwin (*goal*) ; Fuslrs. Carver and Blaylock (*backs*) ; Fuslrs. Adamson, Mullen and Nichol (*halves*) ; Cpl. Turnbull, Fuslrs. A. E. Nicholson, R. Sanderson, McDonald and Mathwin (*forwards*).

Recruits.—Fus. Gofton (*goal*) ; Fus. Hammant, Fus. Foster (*backs*) ; Fuslrs. Welford, Boys and Worthy (*halves*) ; Fuslrs. Smith, Cusack, Weldon, Lynch and Elliott (*forwards*).

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We meet The Depôt The Durham Light Infantry, in the first round of the Inter-Depôt Challenge Cup. This match is to be played by the 20th October.

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Tyneside Wednesday Amateur League.

To date two matches only have been played. The results are appended :—

12th September. *v.* 21st Field Brigade R.A. (home). Won, 4—1.

Fus. J. Sanderson (*goal*) ; Sjt. Peppiatt, Dmr. McCartney (*backs*) ; Lce.-Cpls. Fox, Gray and Avery (*halves*) ; Fus. Gregory, Cpl. Jarmain, Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, Cpl. Smart, Fus. Cuthbert (*forwards*).

19th September. *v.* Stanley Tradesmen (away). Lost, 5—3.

Fus. J. Sanderson (*goal*) ; Sjt. Peppiatt, Dmr. McCartney (*backs*) ; Fus. Ellison, Lce.-Cpl. Gray, Sjt. Bowker (*halves*) ; Fus. Gregory, Cpl. Jarmain, Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, Cpl. Smart, Lce.-Cpl. Avery (*forwards*).

Boxing.

The preliminary rounds (71 fights in all) of the Inter-Squad Boxing were fought on Thursday, the 20th September, and the semi-finals and finals were concluded on the following day. The Shield was won by July Squad, with 33 points, June Squad being 2nd with 29 points, and August Squad 3rd with 19 points.

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At the conclusion of the boxing the Commanding Officer presented Silver Medals to the winners of each weight and Bronze Medals to the runners-up. A Bronze Medal was awarded to Fusilier Irvine, as being the best loser. The detailed results of the semi-finals and finals are appended :—

Bantam-weights.

Fus. Vasey (July Squad) } Fus. Kelly
Fus. Kelly (July Squad) }
Fus. Quinn (July Squad) } Fus. Cranner
Fus. Cranner (July Squad) }
} Fus. Cranner.

Light-weights.

Fus. Greenwell (August Squad) } Fus. Greenwell
Fus. Cheal (June Squad) }
Fus. Welford (June Squad) } Fus. Maughan
Fus. Maughan (July Squad) }
} Fus. Maughan.

Feather-weights.

Fus. Telford (June Squad) } Fus. Telford
Fus. Cusack (July Squad) }
Fus. Maddock (July Squad) } Fus. Taylor
Fus. Taylor (August Squad) }
} Fus. Taylor.

Welter-weights.

Fus. Boyd (June Squad) } Fus. Boyd
Fus. Bean (June Squad) }
Fus. Elliott (June Squad) } Fus. Elliott
Fus. Hardy (June Squad) }
} Fus. Boyd.

Middle-weights.

Fus. Watson (June Squad) } Fus. Watson
Fus. Foster (July Squad) }
Fus. Morley (August Squad) } Fus. Morley
Fus. Swinney (June Squad) }
} Fus. Morley.

6th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
September, 1928.

DURING the past two months there has been little to report from the Battalion's point of view. The Drill Hall has had a deserted appearance, and the powers that be seem to have been taking a rest after their exertions in June.

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Our Colonel-Commandant inspected our Drill Hall and thoroughly tested the Interior Economy under normal conditions at home. We understand the inspection was thoroughly satisfactory on both sides, and an exceedingly clean Drill Hall was obvious, even to those who were not concerned with the Inspection.

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Our Battalion did well at the Annual Shoot of the Northumberland and Durham Petty Officers' and Serjeants' Association, and given below is a list of the prize-winners. It will be seen that we retained the Colonel Gibson Challenge Cup, and obtained numerous other successes. Our congratulations are due to R.S.M. J. O'Hara and those who composed the teams and who did so well in the individual competitions. We have long felt that greater interest should be shown in Musketry in the Battalion, and there appears to be no reason whatever why, with the facilities we have, both in being near the Range and having a good Miniature Range of our own, a greater measure of success should not be obtained at Whitsuntide.

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On Monday, the 24th instant, the atmosphere of the Drill Hall once more became insufferable, as we had a full parade with the object of paying bounties and picking Other Ranks for the Guard of Honour to be supplied by our Battalion when the King visits the City on the 10th October. It was gratifying to find so many Volunteers—about double the number required

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—come forward, and that the majority of them were picked men from the various Companies. We understand that Capt. Rutherford will command the Guard, with Messrs. France and Potter for the Colours. It will be a great disappointment to many if they are not selected, but we feel sure that they will appreciate the spirit of the Commanding Officer's remarks and the fairness of taking as many ex-Service men as possible. We hope that those who are not on the Guard will have an opportunity of lining the streets, and at all events of getting into the front row for a good view of whatever is to be seen.

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It was gratifying to find so few of those who were really qualified to depart from the Battalion taking advantage of the fact. Roughly, only one-third passed out, and the majority of these had not exactly been coaxed to remain in. Company Commanders did well, and it was flattering to find so many who could have gone remaining with their old Companies.

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There is nothing further to chronicle beyond the fact that several of the Officers have received their confidential reports, and one Officer in particular received the following :—

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It is now three years since we were in North Wales, and we are afraid we have rather forgotten the language ; on the other hand, it looks as though the artist's Remington had been a Worthington for the occasion.

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Serjeants' Association Shoot.

The following is a list of the prize-winners :—

Northumberland and Durham Serjeants' Challenge Cup. Seven shots at 200 and 7 at 500 yards.

Tyne Electrical Engineers " A " Team, 348 (Sjt. Ruse, R.S.M. Higgs, Staff-Sjt. Fell, Sjt. Forsyth, Lce.-Sjt. Wilkinson, and Lce.-Sjt. Ray).

Northumberland Hussars " A " Team (R.S.M. Lorimer, Sjt. Halliday, Sjt. Rogers, Sjt. Peace, Sjt. Roberts and S.M. Hales).

Northumberland and Durham Ladies' Challenge Shield. Seven shots at 200 yards and 7 at 500 yards.

Lce.-Sjt. T. H. Wilkinson (T.E.E.), Gold Medal and Shield)	63
R.S.M. J. O'Hara (6th N.F.)	57
S/Sjt. J. Fell (T.E.E.)	56
Sjt. R. Milburn (4th N.F.)	55

GRAND AGGREGATE for highest individual scores in above two Shoots :—

Lce.-Sjt. T. H. Wilkinson (T.E.E.)	125
S/Sjt. J. Fell (T.E.E.)	115
R.S.M. J. O'Hara (6th N.F.)	115

Service Rifle Competition, open to Petty Officers and Serjeants. Five shots at 200 yards.

R.S.M. J. O'Hara (6th N.F.) ; R.S.M. F. Langrick (9th D.L.I.) ; ex-Sjt. J. J. Peace (5th N.F.) ; and ex-Sjt.-Major W. L. Stoba (9th D.L.I.) shared the four prizes with scores of 21.

Service Rifle Competition. Five shots at 500 yards.

R.S.M. J. O'Hara (6th N.F.)	23
Lce.-Sjt. T. H. Wilkinson (T.E.E.)	22
C.Q.M.S. R. Scrafton (T.E.E.)	22
S/Sjt. J. Fell (T.E.E.)	22

AGGREGATE COMPETITION for highest individual in above two Shoots :—

R.S.M. J. O'Hara (6th N.F.), (Major Stevenson Cup and replica)	44
Lce.-Sjt. T. H. Wilkinson (T.E.E.)	43
C.Q.M.S. R. Scrafton (T.E.E.)	42

Special Sweepstake Competition. Five shots at 200 yards.

Ex-Sjt. J. J. Peace (5th N.F.)	23

Special Sweepstake. Five shots at 500 yards.

Sjt. R. Milburn (4th N.F.)	23

Colonel Gibson Challenge Cup.

1, 6th Northumberland Fusiliers, 180 points (Cup and 8 Spoons) (R.S.M. J. O'Hara, C.S.M. W. Robinson, Sjt. C. Johnston, Sjt. T. E. Rhodes, Sjt. T. Johnston, Sjt. D. J. Bowman, Lce.-Sjt. J. W. Stewart, Lce.-Sjt. T. Potts).

2, Northumberland Hussars " A " Team (R.S.M. Lorimer, Sjt. Halliday, Sjt. Grounsell, Sjt. Rogers, Sjt. Peace, Sjt. Roberts and S.S.M. Hales).

Knock-out Plate Competition for Teams of 5.

1, 6th Northumberland Fusiliers (Cup and replica) (R.S.M. J. O'Hara, R.Q.M. J. Boyd, Sjt. C. Johnston, Sjt. D. J. Bowman and Sjt. T. E. Rhodes).

2, " A " Team, E.E. (Sjt. Wilkinson, R.S.M. Higgs, Q.M.S. Kelly, Sjt. Ruse and Q.M.S. Scrafton).

7th BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
27th September, 1928.

TACTICAL activity is the big idea running through the 7th Battalion doings during the past few weeks. By one means or another all Officers not qualified for promotion have been roped in to face the examiners. Some responded to ordinary warnings, and some to only flattery, some to bluff, and some to bullying, but all eventually toed the line.

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Preparation started by correspondence immediately after Annual Training, the Adjutant's factory flooding the constituency with happy little pamphlets headed " Gas in the War of the Future " and " The Compass as a Weapon of Opportunity "—an exercise which taught us how to run away from Morpeth to Weldon Bridge was directed by the Adjutant at the end of August, followed by a further barrage from Headquarters.

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The C.O. and Adjutant then fought with us a rather dashing affair against the Picts and Scots in the neighbourhood of

Photo] [*E. Gosman.*

BRIGADE COMMANDERS AND SOME OFFICERS, 7TH BATTALION, MARSKE, 1928.

Ponteland, on 15th/16th September, and our bodies were then conveyed, whether we liked it or not, straight from the fight at Ponteland to the battle-ground selected for the examination at York.

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On Monday, 17th September, we re-fought the "do" of 1066, at Stamford Bridge, under Captain Trenam, and the same evening, full of buck, reported to the Examining Board.

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On Tuesday, 18th September, the following Subalterns qualified in "A":—Lieuts. Fuller, Moscrop and Robson, and 2nd-Lieuts. Fawcus, Moore and Middlemas.

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On Wednesday, 19th September, Capts. Gallon and Potts both qualified in "C."

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None of our candidates failed, and excepting the two Subalterns residing in Rhodesia all our Officers are now qualified for promotion.

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We offer our very best congratulations to all the candidates. The effort reflects particular credit on them in view of the fact that they foregathered for the preparatory exercises and for the examination from so far afield as London in the South and Kelso in the North.

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Now that we are all through we are left wondering which way the Adjutant will spring next.

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Our strength is now down to 498, and every member of the Battalion should look hard at this low figure, compare it with our Establishment of 636, and gird his loins in preparation for the recruiting campaign which we intend to open in December.

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We are pleased to welcome to the Battalion Mr. G. Pullan, who has been appointed clerk at Headquarters, *vice* Mr. Taylor. Mr. Pullan is an ex-R.S.M. of the 1st Battalion, and known to most of us. We hope he and Mrs. Pullan will spend many happy years among us.

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Unfortunately Mr. Pullan's first experience with us is to be condemned to Hospital for an abdominal operation. However, as we have something of a reputation for our successful operations on Orderly Room clerks, we are confident he will speedily be restored to fitness and to our typewriting machine.

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C.S.M. Cogan, too, at Morpeth, has been on the sick list, and is now recuperating at the Coast. As a new small Cogan only recently joined the Establishment, and the Morpeth Company was simultaneously used for a Torchlight Tattoo, we suspect that the Instructor may not always get his 8 hours' sleep.

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The Adjutant and Capt. Todd are now convalescent and almost recovered from the stimulating effects of their visit to breezy Ballykinlar.

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The high-brows of the Division meet at Whitby on 5th October, for a Divisional Tactical Exercise. Most of us are Brigade Commanders for the purpose of the scheme, and wrinkled brows are lowered nightly over the 1 in. map, sheet 16, looking for the answer to the question: "What did the Brigadier first do?" And as the answer has to be produced

Photo] [*E. Gosman.*

MARSKE, 1928.

before we get our dinner on the 5th October, it will be realised that the problem is one of some importance.

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Bounties are paid and billiard rooms have been re-opened. Hibernation has set in.

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With regard to the two pictures reproduced with these notes, we wish to point out that the Officer with the walking-stick is wearing a haversack, and that the picture does not depict a medical consultation. And picture No. 2 shows what happens in the 7th Battalion in order that uniformity may be achieved. The delinquent here being destroyed had given trouble with his cap star.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD.

September, 1928.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Major-General T. D. Pilcher, C.B. Mrs. Arkwright
Capt. C. R. L. English

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Subscriptions due in October :—

Mrs. O. Redwood Sjt.-Major G. Pullan

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Alliance with Northumberland Regiment of Canadian Militia.

The following correspondence on the above subject, showing the steps taken to form this Alliance, is of historical importance and will, we feel sure, be most interesting to our own readers, and we hope also to our new Regimental Allies. We are deeply indebted to Major-General Sir Percy Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., for giving us the opportunity to publish it.

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182, SECOND AVENUE,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA,
9th December, 1927.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR PERCIVAL S. WILKINSON, K.C.M.G., C.B.,
Colonel, Northumberland Fusiliers,
Newcastle-on-Tyne, England.

DEAR SIR,

At a recent meeting of the Northumberland Regiment, Canadian Militia, the unanimous desire was expressed by the Officers for affiliation with the Northumberland Fusiliers. Permission has been granted by the National Defence Headquarters for me to enter into communication with you to see if the desire for an alliance is reciprocated.

I understand that, if the proposal meets with the approval of yourself and Officers, an application to have the alliance sanctioned by His Majesty The King will go forward through the Secretary of State.

While the Northumberland Regiment (Canada) cannot lay claim to the ancient lineage of the Northumberland Fusiliers, nevertheless we are proud of the fact that it is one of the oldest Canadian Regiments. It is the county Regiment of the County of Northumberland in the province of Ontario.

The Northumberland Fusiliers represents and perpetuates in the Imperial Army the County of Northumberland in England. The County of Northumberland in Canada being called after the County of Northumberland in England, we feel that if these two Regiments were allied that it would form a territorial bond as well as a Regimental one, and that the name and traditions of your Regiment would have a part in the Militia of Canada through the allied Unit, the Northumberland Regiment.

We would esteem it a great honour to be allied with a Regiment with the record and traditions of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and feel that your deeds would be an incentive to the Officers and men of the Northumberland Regiment in Canada, who through an alliance would feel a personal interest in the Northumberland Fusiliers.

The Northumberland Regiment in Canada was organised October 5th, 1866, as the 40th Northumberland Regiment, the County Regiment of the County of Northumberland, Province of Ontario ; previous to this date there was a militia organisation in the county called the Cobourg Volunteers. This Unit was embodied with the 40th Northumberland Regiment.

The Regimental Headquarters was at Cobourg, the county town of Northumberland, and the First Battalion consisted of 8 Companies, with Headquarters at the following places in the county :—

" A " Company, Cobourg ; " B " Company, Cobourg ; " C " Company, Campbellford ; " D " Company, Brighton ; " E " Company, Norwood ; " F " Company, Grafton ; " G " Company, Colborne ; " H " Company, Castleton.

The Officers of the Regiment, October 5th, 1866 :—

Lt.-Col. William Smith.

Major Griffiths Wainwright.

Captains J. V. Gravely, Chas. Elliott, Geo. Tice, A. C. Webb, Chas. Gifford, R. Z. Rogers, Adison Vars, Wm. Duncan, R. P. Hurlburt.

Lieutenants H. R. Floyd, Wm. H. Floyd, Hugh O'Neil, J. A. Finlay, R. W. Standley, Arch. Campbell, John Stewart, Noble Dean.

Ensigns Wm. Richardson, Jas. Auston, J. Black, Gideon Page, Angus H. McDonald, Thomas H. Cumming, Joshua A. Black.

Adjutant H. Smith, Capt.

Quartermaster Fred Boswell.

Surgeon Pringle.

After the European War, after the re-organisation of the

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Canadian Militia, the numerical designation was dropped and only the Territorial designation retained, and the Regiment became the Northumberland Regiment, with Regimental Headquarters at:—"A" Company, Cobourg; "B" Company, Brighton; "C" Company, Campbellford; "D" Company, Norwood.

The present Officers of the 1st Battalion are:—

Officer Commanding—Lt.-Col. J. F. Wolfraim, V.D.

Second-in-Command—Major H. S. Neilson, V.D.

Majors—Major H. Sauva, V.D., Major J. M. Bygott, Major H. C. Craig, V.D.

Captains—Capt. M. F. Fritz, Capt. C. O'Connor Fenton, Capt. R. E. Drope, M.M., Capt. P. J. R. Kelly.

Lieutenants—J. H. Belford, F. G. Stanmore, F. C. Pepino, J. Evans, M.M., J. W. Cousans, H. R. McNaughton, G. Free, H. Samis, F. G. Ellis, H. M. Sergeant, R. J. Baskin, W. J. Puffer, E. P. Sanders, J. C. Green, F. W. Hawkins.

Adjutant—Major H. C. Craig, V.D. (*Acting*).

Quartermaster—Lieut. P. Bradbury.

Medical Officer—Capt. Jamieson.

Signalling Officer—Lieut. A. R. Willmot.

Paymaster—Lieut. H. K. Roblin.

Chaplain—Capt. (Rev.) S. S. Boyle.

If the desire for alliance with our Regiment is reciprocated by yourself and Officers, I can assure you that myself and Officers will feel highly honoured, and you may rest assured that the Northumberland Regiment, Canada, will always strive to live up to the record set by the Northumberland Fusiliers.

Yours sincerely,
J. F. WOLFRAIM, Lt.-Col.,
Commanding Northumberland Regt.

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MARDOCKS HOUSE,
WARE, HERTS.

19th January, 1928.

DEAR COLONEL WOLFRAIM,

I have now had an opportunity of consulting several senior Officers of the Northumberland Fusiliers on the proposal put forward in your letter dated 9th December, 1927. I have great pleasure in informing you that your proposal for affiliation between the Northumberland Fusiliers and the Northumberland Regiment (Canada) will be welcomed by them, and they hope that steps may be taken as early as possible to carry such affiliation.

I regret, however, to state that some delay is inevitable, as a proposal of this kind must be submitted to the yearly meeting of the past and present Commanding Officers of the Regiment, which takes place at the end of May.

On receiving the formal approval of this body I will immediately communicate with you again, in order that the proposal may be carried through during the current year.

In the meantime I shall be much obliged if you will inform me whether any of your Officers are likely to visit England during the year, to enable me to get in touch with them on their arrival in this country.

I regret that at present there is no Battalion of the Regiment in England, but hope that the 1st Battalion will have moved from Ballykinlar, in Northern Ireland, to Litchfield before the autumn.

It may be of interest to you to know that during the late war the Regiment raised 52 Battalions, the greatest number raised by any county Regiment.

Yours sincerely,
P. S. WILKINSON, Major-General,
Colonel, Northumberland Fusiliers.

LIEUT.-COL. J. F. WOLFRAIM,
Commanding Northumberland Regiment,
182, Second Avenue, Ottawa,
Ontario, Canada.

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MARDOCKS HOUSE,
WARE, HERTS.

20th June, 1928.

DEAR COLONEL WOLFRAIM,

The meeting of past and present Commanding Officers of the Northumberland Fusiliers, to which I referred in my letter to you dated 19th January, 1928, was held at the United Services Institute, on June 7th.

I placed the proposal of affiliation between the Northumberland Fusiliers and the Northumberland Regiment (Canada) before the meeting, and it was approved of unanimously and heartily welcomed.

I forwarded a copy of the above resolution to the Duke of Northumberland, from one of whose forebears the Regiment was named and whose house has always been closely connected with it, and I enclose a copy of his reply.

I hope that this letter will be accepted by you and your Officers as both a formal and friendly request to take the necessary steps to carry out the affiliation, which I understand should be done through the Government Department of the Dominion.

It may interest your Officers to hear that the 1st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers is moving from Ballykinlar, in Northern Ireland, to York in the autumn, so we shall in the near future have one of the Battalions in England.

Yours sincerely,
P. S. WILKINSON, Major-General,
Colonel, Northumberland Fusiliers.

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. F. WOLFRAIM,
Commanding Northumberland Regiment,
182, Second Avenue, Ottawa,
Ontario, Canada.

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ALBURY PARK, GUILDFORD,
18th June, 1928.

MY DEAR WILKINSON,

I need hardly say I fully approve of the proposed affiliation,

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and I very much appreciate your desire to secure my approval before carrying out the proposal. I quite agree that there are many advantages in the scheme.

Yours sincerely,
(sd.) NORTHUMBERLAND.

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182, SECOND AVENUE,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO,
4th July, 1928.

DEAR GENERAL WILKINSON,

I appreciate very much the response of yourself and Officers of the Northumberland Fusiliers to our request for an affiliation with your Regiment, and also the approval and interest of the Duke of Northumberland.

I need hardly say that we feel it a great honour that such a Regiment as the Northumberland Fusiliers would so unanimously and heartily welcome an alliance with such a comparatively young Regiment as the Northumberland Regiment, Canada.

However, you may rest assured that the Canadian Regiment will always try to live up to the traditions of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and that the Officers and men of this Regiment will now have a very strong personal interest in all the past and future activities of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

I must apologize for not replying to your letter of January 19th, but I waited to ascertain if any of our Officers would be in England during the present summer, and then was called away from the city for several months. On behalf of my Officers I wish to thank you for your kind invitation to get in touch with them should they be visiting England, and I hope as there is now a Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers stationed in England that in the near future some of our Officers may be able to visit it and that during our training we may be honoured by a visit from Officers of your Regiment.

I have forwarded your letter to the Department of National Defence with a request that steps may be taken as early as possible to carry out the affiliation.

Yours sincerely,
J. F. WOLFRAIM, Lt.-Col.,
O.C. Northumberland Regiment.

MAJOR-GEN. SIR PERCIVAL S. WILKINSON, K.C.M.G., C.B.,
Colonel, Northumberland Fusiliers,
Mardocks House, Ware, Herts, England.

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THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W. 1.
20th September, 1928.

SIR,

I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of an alliance between The Northumberland Regiment, Non-Permanent Active Militia of Canada, and The Northumberland Fusiliers. A notification of this alliance will appear in Army Orders in due course.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
A. T. WILD, D.S.O.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR PERCIVAL S. WILKINSON, K.C.M.G., C.B.,
8, Pont Street, London, S.W. 1.

Letter to the Editor.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
30th September, 1928.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge, with many thanks, subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st July and 30th September, 1928, as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Hall, Stephenson and Co. (Donation from the Newcastle Commercial Exchange Sweepstake on the Northumberland Plate)	10	0	0
Mrs. M. E. Booth	1	1	0
Mr. C. H. N. McKim	1	1	0
Brig.-Gen. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Mrs. Yatman (3rd parcel)	Clothing and boots		

Winter brings ever increasing applications very distressing in their sadness, and the Committee would be most grateful for further donations. Gifts of cast-off clothing, too, however old and worn, will always be welcomed at the above address.

Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.),
Secretary and Treasurer.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

THE increased membership of the Association, coupled with the success of our last Armistice Dinner, has appealed to your Committee, with the result that to ensure premises for the 1928 Anniversary, rooms have been booked at The Royal Hotel, Southampton Row, W.C. 1.

The management, however, have pointed out that a large room is available, for which a guarantee of 250 diners was required. This guarantee has been given, and your Committee feel sure that with the co-operation of all members, the number will be reached and possibly exceeded. It is desirable that members will communicate with the Hon. Secretary, 224, Huntingfield Road, Roehampton, S.W. 15, at an early date, advising him as to the number of tickets they will require. Last year 210 were present ; it is hoped to beat this record.

For the convenience of members who are resident outside London and who propose to stay over-night, steps will be taken to furnish accommodation, providing sufficient notice is given to the Hon. Secretary.

This early notice is given to enable members to book the date.

Cost of tickets will be notified later.

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It is hoped that members will make every effort to attend the General Meeting and Dance-Concert. A good class programme is arranged, the Committee having taken steps to provide a social gathering worthy of THE FIGHTING FIFTH O.C.A.

Mr. T. G. Dunn, of 86, Quebec Street, Kingston, Ontario, one of our newest members, was a Bandsman in the 1st and 2nd Battalions for 20 years, and would be glad to correspond with any old FIFTH Bandsmen who knew him.

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

(*Continued from page* 171).

The Choir.

Let us now turn to the right by the *Crossing*, which is formed by tall, pointed arches. The Early English capital previously referred to may be seen embedded in the north-west pier. There was formerly a rood screen and loft in the eastern arch of the crossing, and traces of the original door to the loft can still be seen in the north jamb of this arch. Higher up, just at the springing of this arch, are corbels to carry the rood beam. The present beautiful *Screen* and the alabaster *Pulpit* were erected in 1887. The five figures in the pulpit represent St. Philip, St. Barnabas, St. Paul, St. Peter and St. John the Baptist. The brass eagle *Lecterne* is a fine example of the late fifteenth century work, and, with the exception of a portion of the organ case and the font, is almost the only piece of ancient furniture remaining. On the chancel step is a plate recording the fact that King George and Queen Mary visited this church for worship in 1917. As we enter the Choir, let us bear in mind that the work which is before us, altar, reredos, choir stalls, etc., is due to the genius of the architect (the late R. J. Johnson), who was invited to adorn the old Parish Church for the purposes of a Cathedral in 1882. The woodwork (oak stalls, canopies and screens), perhaps the best of its kind since the Reformation, was executed by a local firm, Messrs. Ralph Hedley and Sons, whose work in this and other churches is a marked feature of this northern neighbourhood. The Misericords (choir seats which may be turned up and rested on) have some very interesting carving underneath—*e.g.*, pelicans feeding, monk slaying dragon, angels crowning saint.

Approaching the altar, let us look first at the noble *alabaster reredos*, a superb piece of work with elaborate niches filled with figures :—

Top row (left to right) : (1) St. Oswald, (2) Ven. Bede, (3) St. Nicholas, (4) St. Cuthbert, (5) St. Aidan, (6) Benedict Biscop, (7) St. Edwin. *Second row* : (1) St. Gabriel, (2) St. Matthew, (3) St. Mark, (4) The Ascended Lord, (5) St. Luke, (6) St. John, (7) Blessed Virgin Mary. *Third row* : (1) St. Wilfrid, (2) St. Paulinus.

As we leave the altar and retrace our steps westward, we may well admire the great arch at the west end, with the font and War Memorial underneath. No such view could be had until 1877. Before that time there was a great organ screen before the first two piers of the nave. Services were held only in this eastern part of the church, which was shut off from the rest of the nave.

The South Transept and Aisle and Back to the N.W. Porch.

Let us now turn to the left and look at the south transept. Here there used to be one or more altars, and a piscina still remains in the south wall. There were formerly ten chantries in this church. This wall also has a cusped tomb arch, discovered at its last restoration, to take the effigy of some forgotten benefactor, and has at present a very fine thirteenth century grave cover. Both transepts have western aisles to allow of the approach of worshippers without disturbing those kneeling before the altars. Just as you leave the transept observe by the pier on the right the *Monument* of the famous *Lord Collingwood*, whose baptismal and marriage records are kept in the vestry.

The south aisle has a series of arched recesses for monuments of founders. Further on is *St. Margaret's Chapel*. This contains a marble monument of the late Dr. Bruce, the great authority on the Roman Wall. There is a cross-legged effigy, said to be Peter le Marshal, sword bearer to Edward I. He was buried in the church, 18th September, 1322. Edward II. sent a cloth of gold as a pall and paid for a Mass to be said for the repose of Peter's soul on the day of his burial. Here and at the west end are two ancient, interesting slabs. We now come to the south-west porch and see on the right the *Bell-ringers' Memorial* (in honour of the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association of Change-ringers who gave their lives in the Great War) ; and on the left the *Vicars' Tablet* of alabaster recording the Vicars of Newcastle from the reign of Henry I. to the present day ; and, above, two colours of the Coldstream Guards. The regiment was raised in 1650, partly from the men of Newcastle. In the opposite (north-west) porch the colours of various Battalions of the Northumberland Fusiliers and the Royal Naval Division (brass plate on west wall), likewise laid up after the Great War. All these colours are reverently regarded as tokens of self-sacrifice for our sake and for the sake of Freedom and Peace.

As we stand by the *Font* to say " Farewell " to the Cathedral we may reflect that the whole meaning and purpose of this sacred House is to strengthen men and women in their baptismal calling, " which is to follow the example of our Saviour Christ and to be made like unto Him," and " manfully to fight under His banner." Let us think of St. Nicholas as patron saint not only of sailors, but of all who run risks in service. The great Tower, pointing upward, has given for nearly five hundred years a glorious advertisement of the rightful direction of a city's life and worship. With the same continuity the noble peal of bells, some of them dating from the fifteenth century, has invited the men and women of Newcastle to the service of God and man.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,

31st October, 1928.

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BIRTHS.

HUNTER.—At Newcastle-on-Tyne, on 10th October, 1928, to the wife of Sjt. Hunter, Depôt 5th Fusiliers—a daughter, Patricia.

PEACOCK.—At Newcastle-on-Tyne, on 12th October, 1928, to the wife of Lce.-Cpl. Peacock, Depôt 5th Fusiliers—a son, Ronald Dennis.

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O., relinquishes his appointment of Instructor (Class "Y"), Senior Officers' School (dated 15th September).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. W. N. C. Crawhall is seconded for service as Adjutant at a Small Arms School (dated 9th August, 1928).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

5th Bn.—Col. (Hon. Brig.-Gen.) H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., ret. pay, to be Hon. Colonel (dated 6th October).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

4th Bn.—Lieut. C. W. Mackenzie resigns his commission (dated 23rd August).

5th Bn.—Capt. F. Haswell, having attained the age limit, relinquishes his commission and retains his rank (dated 17th October).

MEMORANDUM.

Lieut. R. R. Thompson, late 5th Battalion, on enlistment into the ranks, resigns the rank of Lieutenant which he was permitted to retain in the *Gazette* of 1st March, 1921 (dated 10th September).

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

YORK.

October, 1928.

WE have arrived in the ancient city of York, and old Ireland is a memory of the past. A great many of us ache for the "wide open spaces" we've left behind us, but perhaps when we settle down this ache will weaken, to finally disappear altogether.

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The Advance Party, under Captain Gatehouse, left Ballykinlar on the 8th October, the Battalion crossing on the night of the 16th/17th October. The married families and Transport were entrained at Dundrum, the remainder of the Battalion at Ballykinlar Halt, and we had our last look at the Mountains of Mourne. The Band of the 1st Bn. West Yorkshire Regiment played us from the County Down Station to the Quay, and the Band of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers played on the Quay as we departed.

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The Officers of this latter Regiment presented us with a good supply of port wine, which helped to develop, or dim, the sadness of parting. We are very grateful to these Regiments for their great kindness.

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Colonel Herbert, Major Foster and Captain Lindsay dined with the 1st Bn. West Yorkshire Regiment a few days before we left Ireland, and we are glad that the Depôt of this Regiment is opposite us in the barracks here.

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The accommodation for the Other Ranks on the ship was not everything that could be desired, and many, we fear, spent an unpleasant night. In many cases, children and dogs also spent an unpleasant night, which reacted on those who were physically capable of spending a pleasant night had these "noises off" been of a lesser degree.

The ship was over an hour late into Heysham, and the two trains from this port to York arrived at this latter place fifty minutes and an hour and ten minutes late respectively. The first train paused for a few seconds at White Hall Junction, near Leeds, and a catastrophe very nearly occurred, one of the Colonel's dogs getting out for a stroll, which ended up under the train just as it began to move. Luckily the train was pulled up and the dog rescued.

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Sunshine heralded our arrival, and York and its Minster seemed to smile kindly at us as we marched up to Barracks.

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We are now busy unpacking, cleaning and getting settled in. There is a little groaning and grousing, but there would be something seriously wrong if any Unit of the British Army ceased to do these things. We were very pleased to see Colonel Sandilands, who has taken a house in York for a time, and we feel that he will be as happy to be near us as we shall be to be near him.

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Old Fusiliers abound in York and neighbourhood; they roll in from Record Offices, Pay Offices, and all sorts of offices, to see us, and we hope they won't be disappointed at the look of us, although it is usual to say: "Ah! not the Battalion it was in '89!" just as we ourselves will in due course say: "Ah! not the Battalion it was in '28!"

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We are very proud of the farewell message from the General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland District :—

> "On the approaching departure of the 1st Battalion The Northumberland Fusiliers, the General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland District wishes to express his great regret at their departure, and also his satisfaction at the high state of discipline which the Battalion has maintained during its three years in Northern Ireland.
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> "The Battalion is highly trained, and has always taken a most prominent place in all sports and games. It is evident there exists a very strong *esprit de corps* throughout all ranks, which is only to be expected from a Battalion with such fine traditions.
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> "The General Officer Commanding takes leave of the Battalion with great regret, and confidently hopes that the high standard aimed at will further enhance the already brilliant reputation which the Battalion has earned."

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Not for us to comment, except to say that it will be our care to see that the hopes expressed by the General Officer Commanding the Northern Ireland District will not be misplaced.

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The following greetings and answers have been received and sent since our arrival in York :—

(1) *From the Lord Mayor of York City.*

"Permit me, on behalf of the citizens of York, to welcome your Regiment to our old city. The relations between the Military and the civic authorities are, and have been, of the happiest order, and I trust that the stay of the Regiment in York will be most happy."

From the Commanding Officer.

"Your kind letter of welcome to the Regiment under my command is highly appreciated by all ranks, on whose behalf, as well as my own, I beg you to accept and convey to the citizens

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of York our sincere thanks. It is 25 years since a Battalion of this Regiment was stationed in York, but the hospitality of the city is a tradition, and I am confident that the happy relations between the civil population and Military will be maintained as far as it affects the Battalion I have the honour to command."

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(2) *From the Officer Commanding the Regimental Depôt.*

"All ranks Depôt send greetings to Colonel Herbert and all ranks 1st Battalion on their return to England, and wish them a very pleasant visit to the Northern Command."

From the Commanding Officer.

"All ranks 1st Battalion thank Depôt for greetings."

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(3) *From Officer Commanding 6th Battalion.*

"Hearty greetings and good wishes on return of Battalion to England. Great hopes for closer liaison."

From Commanding Officer.

"All ranks 1st Battalion thank 6th Battalion for kind greetings. Their wishes for closer liaison are heartily reciprocated."

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We haven't had time yet to turn our eyes in the direction of the hunting field, but by the time hunting has really started we shall, no doubt, be in a position to participate. We are beginning to cast our eyes on certain horses in possession of the Inniskilling Dragoons, and from this step hope to mount them.

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There will be no lack of teams to play against in every type of sport, and we ought to improve immensely under these conditions.

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The Rear Party, under Captain Pemberton, arrived on the 20th October, so the Battalion is now complete.

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It seems we shall have to travel about a bit for training purposes; the rifle ranges being out at Strensall, where Company training also takes place. Battalion and Brigade training is apparently at Catterick. There are also some rumours of working parties on new ranges at this latter place, so perhaps after all we shan't see much of York.

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On the 5th October the Battalion cooks went to Belfast to compete in the Northern Ireland District Cookery Competition. Complete dinners for the Royal Army Service Corps had to be cooked. We won the competition with 98 % of marks, the 1st Bn. The Sherwood Foresters being second with 87½ %. We dropped 1 point for the colour of the peas after cooking: they were not quite that perfect colour of green they should have been, and the excuse that they were very nearly the gosling green of our Regimental Colours didn't seem to carry much weight with the judges.

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The dinner to be cooked consisted of:—

MEAT PIES
POTATOES
PEAS
CUSTARD

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We are expecting many transfers from the R.A.S.C. at Belfast shortly!

The other point was dropped because a cook didn't cool his hands in water before kneading pastry for the pies.

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The judges said they'd never seen such clean, well-turned-out cooks.

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The cooks are to be highly congratulated on this final effort before leaving Ireland, and we feel sure this is but the forerunner of many like successes in England.

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The following took part in the competition:—Sjt. Desmond, Lce.-Cpl. McHale, Fuslrs. Lowley, Shaw and Bainbridge.

RUGBY NOTES.

We started the season with two practice games, in September, and two or three quite promising players have come to light.

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At the end of September we played the 1st Bn. West Yorkshire Regiment with a very weak team, and were beaten by 23 points to nil. Our side never settled down, and the bustling unorthodox "rugger" played by our opponents completely put them off their game.

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Against North of Ireland "A" Team we put up a much better show, and the ground at Ballykinlar being hard the game was very fast. North of Ireland started well by scoring a goal and a try in quick succession, and it looked as if we were again to be badly beaten. The FIFTH then woke up, and for practically all of the rest of the game sat on their opponents' line. Mr. Enderby, Mr. Carr-Ellison, and Cpl. Stobbart were all unlucky not to score, but Mr. Beckwith, after a clever run, scored under the posts and converted his try. The forwards played really well, and Lce.-Cpl. Usher's and Mr. Enderby's kicking were very useful in defence. Final score—North of Ireland, 8 points; Fifth Fusiliers, 5 points.

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On 19th October we journeyed to Belfast to play Cambell College. The ground was very wet and heavy, and the game became a tussle between the two packs, the extra weight of the FIFTH telling in the end, bringing us out winners by a goal to a try.

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Mr. Enderby scored for us and converted the try.

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We have entered for the Army Rugby Cup this season, and also have a large number of fixtures in Yorkshire, and it is to be hoped that it won't be long before "rugger" ceases to be looked on as a dangerous pastime for a few enthusiasts.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

YORK, October, 1928.

Our longed-for move to York has at last been completed, and here we are, safe and sound, if not quite recovered.

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We sailed from Belfast on the 16th, on board the *Duke of Connaught*.

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The accommodation was not brilliant, but a small saloon was allotted to us, where one could imbibe liquid refreshment.

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The members had an opportunity of stopping inside and putting liquid down inside their necks, in preference to remaining outside and getting more liquid all over their anatomy. That refers to the weather, which was extremely wet and dirty.

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However, the weather softened a little towards us, and by the time we arrived at Heysham the rain and gale had ceased.

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We entrained here in two troop trains and started off for York.

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On arrival, " King Sol " shined upon us as the Battalion marched from the station to Barracks.

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The Mess here is much larger than that we had at Ballykinlar, and when cleaned and furnished should be very comfortable.

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Many members will be glad that they have not so far to walk from their quarters now. The term " conveniently situated " can be well applied.

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Our wireless expert set to work at once, with good results.

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On Sunday, 21st, we were extremely delighted to have a visit from three of our old members—to wit, ex-Sjts. Flatcher, Loder, and Wright. We were pleased to see them looking so fit and well.

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A pleasant surprise awaited us on arrival in the shape of a splendid hot breakfast, for which (I believe) we are indebted to Mr. Nixon.

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Many thanks.

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Our congratulations to Lce.-Sjts. Hackett and Purcell on obtaining a " Q 1 " Certificate at Hythe.

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Our best wishes for success go with Sjt. Hayward, who has left us to go to the Royal Corps of Signals on probation.

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C.S.M. Carlin, D.C.M., has been selected to represent the Regiment at the unveiling of a Memorial at La Ferte sous Jouavre, to commemorate the Fallen at Mons, the Marne, and the Aisne.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

24th October, 1928.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s have left us for the Army Reserve, and we all wish them every success :—Cpls. Ellen, Morgan and Kirby ; Lce.-Cpls. Muschialli and Andrews.

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Cpl. Graham and Lce.-Cpl. Canvin have left us for a tour of duty at the Depôt. The Battalion's loss is the Depôt's gain.

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We welcome back Cpl. Hoggan, who has returned from the Depôt.

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The " Fold " heartily congratulates Lce.-Cpl. Pennock on his gaining a " D " at the Machine Gun School, Netheravon.

The chief topic at the beginning of the month was the move to York, but now the " Fold " are settled, having a comfortable room in Barracks, with the Billiard Room adjoining.

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A sketch appears in these notes showing one of our recently appointed Generals having his farewell game on the billiard table.

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Our artist (Cpl. Watson) caught him in this amusing attitude.

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The " Jazz King " used more than one handkerchief before leaving Ballykinlar Halt, but the York Jazzes have cured his heartaches.

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There was nothing much of interest whilst we were on the move.

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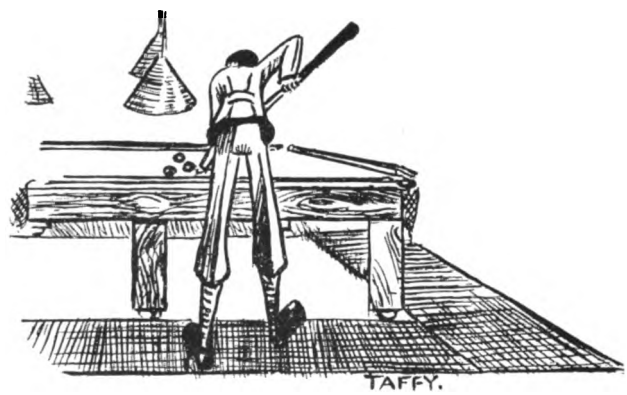
" X " Company N.C.O.'s had a more comfortable voyage



than the remaining N.C.O.'s, owing to their Company Commander finding for them a " Ladies' berth."

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But on awakening the next morning they found the news of the " Ladies' berth " had spread, and the " berth " had been turned into a " Sardine tin."

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Our next notes will contain news of Fulford Barracks, as we have just arrived when these notes go to press.

" MICK."

The popularity of Player's " Navy Cut " Cigarettes was never so great as it is to-day, and this progressive Firm have now put on the market another packing which is sure to find favour with all ranks.

This takes the form of a handsome decorated tin of 150 Cigarettes, which is sold at 7s. 3d. per tin.

This packing may be obtained at any time, but it is particularly suitable for Christmas presents, birthday presents, and as prizes for Sports, Whist Drives, etc., and we have no doubt that our readers will avail themselves of this opportunity of proving the truth of the oft-repeated statement that " Player's always Please."

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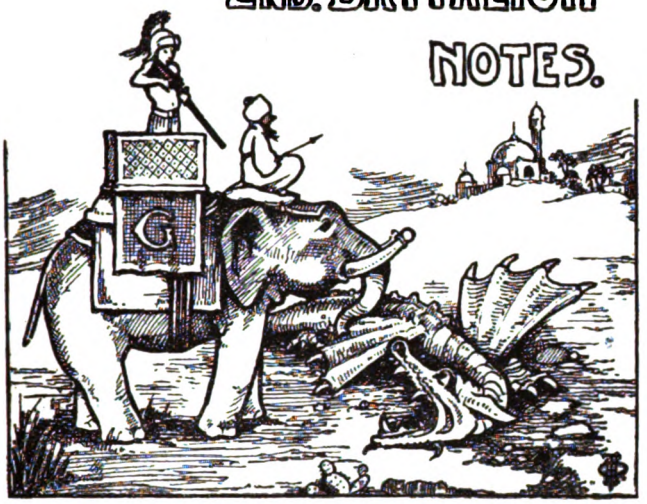
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



CHERAT,

25th September, 1928.

ON the 5th September, Mr. G. C. Humphreys handed over the Adjutancy of the Battalion to Mr. E. O. Martin, and forthwith proceeded to Pachmari on a Small Arms Course, in order no doubt to have food for thought during the ensuing year's leave.

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On the 9th September Mr. Flower went to Ahmednagar to attend a M.G. Course, a forerunner, we hope, of the formation of a M.G. Company in the near future. Of late a virulent controversy has been raging in the Indian press, some little of which has percolated into the Home papers, concerning the "bow and arrow" state of the Army in India. As regards the number of automatic weapons in a Battalion, there is undoubtedly some truth in this, and the increase in machine guns, which we hear is likely to take place before Christmas, will at any rate make us feel more modern; but how we are going to carry them is another matter.

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Early this month Capt. Wombwell went to Lahore to investigate conditions, and came back with tales, some of woe and some otherwise. The lot of the subaltern officer appears to be hard; he has to live with about a dozen of his kind in a single building which resembles a rabbit warren, being full of dark and dusty corners and passages, which never see the light of day and which smell horribly. On the other hand, bathing is almost impossible, so there will be certain compensations. Dining in Mess, we understand, is confined to the legal minimum, as there are not enough nights in the week to accept all the invitations which a grateful and hospitable civilian population is accustomed to pour upon one's modestly acquiescent head.

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In the first week in September the Chitral Relief Column left Nowshera on its six weeks' march to Chitral and back with a year's stores, carried on some thousands of pack animals, for the garrison. Messrs. B. D. Tarleton and K. O. N. Foster accompanied the column in the roles of A.D.C. and Intelligence Officer respectively. Sjt. Chapman, with Fus. Clark, also went in charge of the Headquarter's Mess and Transport. This is the first occasion as far as we know on which the British Army has been represented in this annual event, which has always been regarded as a perquisite of the Indian Army, and we hope that when they return a full description of the operation will be written for the *Gazette*.

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The R.A.F. sends out a machine daily to drop a mail bag, but the nature of the country makes picking up of mails impossible. However, a R.A.F. ground wireless set with the Column transmits messages to the aeroplanes, so the Column is in constant touch with civilisation and does not, as in the old days, disappear entirely into the blue.

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On the 17th September we welcomed a draft of 119 men from the 1st Battalion, who arrived smiling after a very gruelling journey. The Red Sea at the end of August is as hot a place as one is ever likely to experience, while flying along in an Indian troop train at a good 15 miles per hour during the sticky days of early September is not particularly exhilarating, especially after about three days of it. However, they arrived in good heart, having swept the board in the Boxing Tournament on the ship, and we hope that the cool air of Cherat and the prospect of a winter in Lahore will make up for their unfortunate first impressions of India.

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The same day as the draft arrived the M.G. Platoon and our first Homeward draft proceeded to Nowshera, under Mr. P. H. Earle, the former to commence collective training in preparation for the Brigade M.G. local Course in October, and the latter to make room in Cherat for the newcomers.

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On the 3rd and 4th of September H.Q. Wing held a successful two nights' novices boxing tournament, the results of which were as follows:—

"A" COMPANY ON THE MARCH FROM KHANSPUR TO MURREE.

(1) *Boxing Cup Competition.* (Order of merit.)
1, M.G. Platoon, 47 pts.; 2, Drums, 23 pts.; 3, Signallers and Employed Group (tie), 15 pts.

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(2) *Inter-Group "Mill."*

Winners, M.G. Platoon ; *Runners-up*, Drums.

(3) *Individual Winners.*

Bantam-Weight.—Winner, a/Dmr. Good ; Runner-up, a/Dmr. Langley.

"A" Company on the March from Khanspur to Murree.

Feather-Weight.—Winner, Lce.-Cpl. Arrowsmith (M.G.) ; Runner-up, Dmr. De Costa.

Light-Weight.—Winner, Fus. Calvin ("E" Group) ; Runner-up, Fus. Hepple (M.G. Plat.).

Welter-Weight.—Winner, Lce.-Cpl. King (M.G. Plat.) ; Runner-up, Fus. Vale (Signallers).

"A" Company Bathing in the Kabul River.

Catch-Weight.—Winner, Fus. Black (M.G. Plat.) ; Runner-up, Dmr. Atkinson.

Best Loser.—Fus. Aitkin (Signallers).

Boys.

Boy Massey (K.O.Y.L.I.) beat Boy Smythe.
Boy Hogg (K.O.Y.L.I.) beat Boy Sanctuary.
Boy Dowdell beat Boy Seal (K.O.Y.L.I.).
Boy Tradewell beat Boy Leech (K.O.Y.L.I.).

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A/Dmr. Hayton was our only representative in the All India Army Boxing at Mussoorie this year, and he succeeded in reaching the Final of the Light Heavy-Weights. Next year we hope to send a Regimental team from Lahore.

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The Regimental hockey team competed in the Murree Tournament this year, and was a little unlucky to be beaten in the second round by the York and Lancaster Regiment by 1 goal to nil. In the first round we drew with the Punjab Rifles, but beat them 2—0 in the re-play.

"A" Company Bathing in the Kabul River.

Chakor shooting opened on the 1st September, but so far the chakor have won all along the line, three days' shooting having yielded only 3 brace. Last year someone with a mathematical brain worked out the "man-miles per bird" at about 20, but this year no one has had the courage or the time even to attempt it. Reports of duck from Nowshera are more encouraging, the advanced guard of the big migration having arrived, and 8 been shot by 3 guns one morning last week.

NOWSHERA DETACHMENT NOTES.

Leaving Khanspur on the 28th July, "A" Company reached Nowshera on the 30th July, to find themselves in a temperature of 115 degrees in the shade.

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In spite of the heat, however, the bill of health has been extraordinarily good, our only casualties being a few cases of sand-fly fever.

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The river has been a great boon, bathing parades being held every morning and evening. Quite 50 % of the men are very good swimmers, and a diving board which was erected proved very popular, except to the local fish, who removed themselves speedily to Karachi under the impression that the river was being mined. Photos of our amphibians disporting themselves are enclosed with these notes.

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Owing to the heat, out-door parades were all held before breakfast, and the after-breakfast period devoted to indoors lectures, etc.

This peaceful existence was shattered by the news of the bursting of the Shyok Dam. All the natives in the bazaar were removed by the Peshawar M.T. Company, and rumours of the horrible things that would happen when the flood arrived flew hither and thither.

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In spite of the fact that all the manuals failed to produce any information on the action to be taken in the case of floods, Brigade produced a tremendous amount of paper on the subject, probably drawn up on Flood Regulations, Vol. I., B.C.2000, with preface by General Noah. The suggestion that an ark should be built to hold the Brigade was turned down owing to the passionate protests of Units against being quartered with a couple of elephants and a brace of cobras.

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After a couple of days' excitement, news was received that the dam had not burst, a false alarm having apparently been given by one of the beacons, due it was rumoured to one of the watchers lighting a beacon to warm himself.

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The local papers, which were full of graphic descriptions of how the dam burst with a "sickening explosion," etc., etc., had no little difficulty in explaining themselves.

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
October, 1928.

ON 2nd October, 1928, Brig.-General Herbert Armstrong, C.B.E., late of the 5th Fusiliers, visited the Depôt. General Armstrong joined the FIFTH in 1877, and served for thirty years in the Regiment, retiring in 1911.

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General Armstrong visited the men's barrack rooms and dining halls, and said how much more comfortable the men's rooms and quarters were since his days some 25 years ago.

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In the afternoon, General Armstrong spoke to the Recruit Company assembled on parade, and explained to them how necessary it was in any walk of life, but especially so in the Army, to work and get on. He pointed out to them that the aim of every one of them should be to obtain the Lance stripe, as this was the first step to higher rank and responsibility.

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The man, he said, who attempts to go through life shirking its responsibilities will never go far. There was no excuse for a recruit not being ambitious. Major Chenevix-Trench then thanked General Armstrong for this speech, and three cheers were then given for General Armstrong.

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On the occasion of Councillor A. W. Lambert being elected Lord Mayor of Newcastle-on-Tyne for 1929, a telegram, offering congratulations from all ranks at the Depôt was sent to him, and the following letter was received in reply :—

"10, KENSINGTON TERRACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
5th October, 1928.

"DEAR MAJOR CHENEVIX-TRENCH,

"Please convey to all ranks my most sincere appreciation and thanks for the telegram of congratulations which I received yesterday.

"Believe me, this gesture of friendship from the Regiment of which I am so proud has touched and cheered me greatly.

Yours sincerely,
ARTHUR W. LAMBERT."

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On the occasion of the arrival of the 1st Battalion at York, on the 17th instant, the following telegrams were exchanged :—

"All ranks Depôt send greetings to Colonel Herbert and all ranks 1st Battalion on their return to England, and wish them a very pleasant visit to the Northern Command."

"All ranks 1st Battalion thank Depôt for greetings."

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Visit of H.M. The King.

His Majesty The King, accompanied by Her Majesty Queen Mary, visited Newcastle-on-Tyne on 10th October, 1928, to open the new Tyne Bridge, constructed by Messrs. Dorman, Long and Co., of Darlington, and erected by the citizens of Newcastle and Gateshead.

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A Guard of Honour was formed by the 5th/68th Regimental Depôt for this occasion, and consisted of 50 recruits from each Depôt. The Guard was commanded by Capt. J. H. Hogshaw, M.C., FIFTH Depôt, the other Officers being Lieut. C. E. S. Phillips, M.M., Depôt D.L.I., and 2nd-Lieut. R. C. Stockley, Depôt the Fifth Fusiliers. The Guard mounted just outside Jesmond Station, and met their Majesties on their arrival at Newcastle at 10.30 a.m. The Guard having given the Royal Salute, were inspected by His Majesty the King, who expressed himself as being very pleased with the men's turn-out, and with the appearance of the Guard as a whole. He also complimented them on the manner in which they handled their arms, which he considered very creditable for recruits of 12 to 14 weeks' service. The Band of H.M.S. *Helicon*, Tyne Division R.N.V.R., was in attendance. His Majesty then proceeded to the entrance to the New Bridge *via* Jesmond Road, Northumberland Street, and Pilgrim Street, arriving there at 10.25 a.m. The New Bridge was then formally opened, Guards of Honour being found at the Bridge by the Tyne Division R.N.V.R. (H.M.S. *Helicon*), and by the 6th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers (T.A.).

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Photographs of the Guard of Honour being inspected by His Majesty the King appear elsewhere in this issue.

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Recruiting.

There are now at the Depôt four Squads of Recruits.

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The Senior (June) Squad—Instructor, Sjt. Fitzgerald—are in their 16th week of training, and are due to join the 1st Battalion early in November.

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5TH/68TH GUARD OF HONOUR.

(*Left to right*)—2nd-Lieut. R. C. Stockley. Capt. J. H. Hogshaw, M.C. (Comdg. Guard). Lt.-Gen. Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G. (G.O.C.-in-C. Northern Command). H.M. The King. Lieut. C. E. S. Phillips, M.M.

The Second (July) Squad—Instructor, Sjt. Peppiatt—are in their 10th week of training.

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The Third (August) Squad—Instructor, Sjt. Chapman—are in their 6th week of training.

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The Junior Squad has just been completed to 31, and commenced its training on Monday, 15th October.

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The total number of recruits at the Regimental Depôt up to date is 120.

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Transfers to Army Reserve.

No. 4258967 Fus. J. H. Chambers, transferred to Reserve (dated 4th October, 1928).

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The following have been re-posted to the 1st Battalion on the expiration of their tour of duty at the Depôt :—Lce.-Sjt. Huggan, Lce.-Cpl. Fox, Dmr. McCabe, Fus. Proctor, Fus. Jubb.

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We are pleased to be able to report that Sjt. Meadows is progressing satisfactorily. He was taken off the Dangerously-ill List on the 21st September, and was removed from the Seriously-ill List on the 8th October.

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During the past month the following have joined the Depôt for a tour of duty from the 1st Battalion :—Cpl. W. Graham, Lce.-Cpl. G. Canvin, Fus. J. Stockton, Fus. J. Charlton, Fus. M. Flowers, Fus. R. Maddison, Fus. R. Smith ('843), Fus. Cunnington, Fus. Morgan, Fus. Scott.

Extension of Service.

Cpl. G. Jamieson permitted to extend his service to complete 12 years with the Colours.

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Discharges.

C.Q.M.S. Mason, discharged 9th October, 1928.
Fus. Battesby, discharged 24th October, 1928.

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Association Football.

TYNESIDE WEDNESDAY LEAGUE.

The following are the results of matches played during the last month :—

26/9/28. *v.* Gosforth Wednesday (home). Lost by 4 goals to 3. (Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, 2 ; Cpl. Jarmain, 1.)

DEPÔT TEAM.—Fus. Sanderson (*goal*) ; Dmr. McCartney, Sjt. Peppiatt (*backs*) ; Fus. Boyd, Lce.-Cpl. Gregory, Lce.-Cpl. Fox (*halves*) ; Fus. Cuthbert, Cpl. Smart, Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, Cpl. Jarmain, Lce.-Cpl. Gray (*forwards*).

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3/10/28. *v.* Crawcrook Wednesday (home). Lost by 2 goals to 1. (Cpl. Jarmain, 1.)

DEPÔT TEAM.—Fus. Gofton (*goal*) ; Dmr. McCartney, Sjt. Peppiatt (*backs*) ; Lce.-Cpl. Avery, Cpl. Gooding, Lce.-Cpl. Fox (*halves*) ; Fus. Cuthbert, Cpl. Smart, Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, Cpl. Jarmain, Fus. Nicholson (*forwards*).

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17/10/28. *v.* Gosforth Wednesday (away). Lost by 3 goals to nil.

DEPÔT TEAM.—Fus. Sanderson (*goal*) ; Dmr. McCartney, Lce.-Cpl. Avery (*backs*) ; Sjt. Bowker, Cpl. Gooding, Cpl. Jarmain (*halves*) ; Cpl. Smart, Fus. Ellison, Fus. McDonald, Lce.-Cpl. Gregory, Fus. Nicholson (*forwards*).

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5TH/68TH GUARD OF HONOUR.

(*Left to right*)—H.M. The King. Capt. J. H. Hogshaw, M.C. 2nd-Lieut. R. C. Stockley.

Recruit Company Football.

The following is the result of the first round of the Inter-Depôt Command Challenge Cup, played between the Depôt, Fifth Fusiliers and the Depôt, The Durham Light Infantry, on

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the Garrison Ground, on 17th October, 1928 :—Lost by 8 goals to 1. (Lce.-Cpl. Taylor.)

DEPÔT TEAM.—Fus. Gofton (*goal*) ; Fuslrs. Foster and Hannant (*backs*) ; Fus. Cusack, Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, Fus. Nicholson (*halves*) ; Fuslrs. Keeble, Mitcheson, Boyd, Lynch and Beveridge (*forwards*).

The referee was Staff-Sjt. Balls, 21st Field Brigade R.A.

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There have been no other matches played by the Recruit Company Team since our last notes of September, 1928.

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Garrison League Football.

One match has been played in the Garrison League since our last notes. This was played on the Garrison Ground, on 1st October, against H.Q. 21st Field Brigade R.A. Fifth Fusiliers' Team was as under :—

Fus. Sanderson.
Dmr. McCartney. Sjt. Peppiatt.
Fus. Ellison. Lce.-Cpl. Gray. Cpl. Jarmain.
Lce.-Cpl. Avery. Cpl. Smart. Fus. McDonald. Lce.-Cpl. Gregory.
Lce.-Cpl. Taylor.

Result.—5th Fusiliers won by 4 goals to 1.

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Boxing.

The Inter-Depôt Boxing was held in the Garrison Gymnasium on 27th September, 1928, at 8.30 p.m.

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There were 18 fights, distributed by weights as follows :—Bantam-weights, 4 fights ; Feather-weights, 4 fights ; Light-weights, 4 fights ; Welter-weights, 4 fights ; Middle-weights, 2 fights.

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The fighting was good and clean, and the competition as a whole was one of the most satisfactory which had been held, from every point of view, since these Inter-Depôt Boxing Tournaments were begun.

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The 68th Team proved itself to be in a rather fitter condition than the 5th Fusilier Team, and eventually won by 28 points to 23.

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The list of competitors is given below, with the result of each fight.

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We wish to thank Captain and Q.M. Maynard for carrying out the duties of referee ; and also Mr. J. E. S. Walford, R.C. of Signals, and Mr. R. L. D. Weber, R.A., who acted as judges.

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Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., Commanding 5th Fusiliers' Depôt, presented the Shield to Sjt. Gordon, captain of the 68th Team, at the conclusion of the competition.

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Bantam-weights.

Fus. Cranner, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Johnson, D.L.I.	Fus. Cranner.
Fus. Kelly, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Wilson, D.L.I.	Pte. Wilson.
Fus. Quinn, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Fleury, D.L.I.	Fus. Quinn.
Fus. Ashbridge, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Dobson, D.L.I.	Pte. Dobson.

Feather-weights.

Fus. Gofton, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Metcalf, D.L.I.	Pte. Metcalf.
Fus. Taylor, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Walker, D.L.I.	Fus. Taylor.
Fus. Lynch, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Redmond, D.L.I.	Pte. Redmond.
Fus. Maddock, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Fitzpatrick, D.L.I.	Pte. Fitzpatrick.

Light-weights.

Fus. Maughan, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Pocklington, D.L.I.	Fus. Maughan.
Fus. Welford, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Mawson, D.L.I.	Fus. Welford.
Fus. McTeer, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Marr, D.L.I.	Pte. Marr.
Fus. Greenwell, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Reed, D.L.I.	Pte. Reed.

Welter-weights.

Fus. Boyd, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Conn, D.L.I.	Draw after extra round.
Fus. Elliott, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Ingram, D.L.I.	Pte. Ingram.
Fus. Hardy, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Goundry, D.L.I.	Pte. Goundry.
Fus. Bean, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Mawson, D.L.I.	Fus. Bean.

Middle-weights.

Fus. Watson, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Waterman, D.L.I.	Pte. Waterman.
Fus. Murphy, 5th Fusiliers Pte. Wilkinson, D.L.I.	Pte. Wilkinson.

Result.—5th Fusiliers, 23 points ; D.L.I., 28 points.

4th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN,
24th October, 1928.

NORMALLY October is, from the T.A. point of view, to be numbered among the dead months. This year, however, owing to the visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen, to open the new Tyne Bridge, on Wednesday, 10th October, such was by no means the case, and the Drill Hall for the week preceding the event showed signs of considerable military activity.

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Arrangements were made for a detachment of 100 of all Ranks of the Battalion to assist at the lining of the streets, but owing to the fact that the pits in the Newburn District were all working on that day, the numbers fell slightly short of this figure.

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October 10th dawned dull and wet, but by the time the Battalion had assembled at the Central Station the rain had ceased and the sun was breaking through.

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This occasion will be memorable to many of those present, in that they now saw the Colours on parade for the first time.

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The portion of street allotted to this Battalion was from the corner of Northumberland Street along Blackett Street to the head of Grey Street. Even by the time we arrived, huge crowds had collected at the corners, and it looked as if we should have our work cut out to find the White Lines, let alone stand on them. By dint of a little peaceful persuasion by ourselves and the police, the crowd, which was very orderly and good humoured, gradually gave way, and we were enabled to post ourselves upon the white lines, though with the solid wall of humanity pressing close behind it appeared doubtful whether we should be able to slope arms without inflicting casualties.

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At 11.35 loud cheering from the direction of Northumberland Street heralded the approach of the royal procession, and during our efforts to stand steady at the Present, with half the population of Newcastle leaning on our backs, we caught a short glimpse of their Majesties as they swept past in their coach.

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We then stood fast for a few minutes to allow the police time to embuss *en route* for the Bridge, closed and marched to the Central Station, where before dismissing the Detachment partook of a meal of sandwiches, pies, tea and beer.

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On 5th/6th October a Divisional Tactical Exercise was held at Whitby, where those taking part for a few hours forgot their Platoon and Company Training, and swayed the destinies of Corps, Divisions and Brigades; all were agreed that this is child's play compared with Commanding a Platoon in Camp.

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A Signalling Exercise was held on 30th September at Duker's Hagg, Prudhoe, in conjunction with the Signalling Section of the 5th Battalion. This was in the nature of an experiment, but in view of the excellent results obtained, an experiment which we hope to repeat in the near future.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

We regret that these notes did not appear last month, but our scribe was on his honeymoon and had more important things to think of.

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Mr. Clark was married on 12th September, at Alston Parish Church, to Miss Audrey Irwin, and we take this opportunity of welcoming Mrs. Clark to our midst.

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Among those at the wedding were Colonel and Mrs. B. Cruddas, and Captain and Mrs. Hare.

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On 10th October, on the occasion of the opening of the new Tyne Bridge at Newcastle, by His Majesty the King, this Battalion assisted in lining the streets on the route along which the King and Queen drove to the Bridge. The section allotted to us was from the Northumberland Street end of Blackett Street to Gray's Monument. Unfortunately, owing to the ruthless dictates of economy, the Haltwhistle Detachment were only allowed to bring 6 men, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that we paraded at full strength.

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We paraded with the rest of the Battalion at the Central Station at 9.45, and by 10.30 we were in position along Blackett Street. The huge crowd lined along the pavements were very orderly, but owing to pressure from behind certain portions of the line took some controlling. Who will forget the inspiring sight of our weightiest Subaltern leaning on the crowd near Grey's Monument ! !

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On the approach of the King and Queen the Battalion presented arms; we caught a fleeting glimpse of Their Majesties in their Ascot coach, and then all was over—the Battalion formed up and marched back to the Central Station, where tea, beer and pies were served. The members of this contingent did *not* catch the first train home, but we are glad to say they have all since been seen in Haltwhistle!!

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The Officers lunched together at the Turk's Head, and argued heatedly as to the number of horses drawing the Royal coach, whether there were footmen, and so on!

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We sympathise with one member of the Colour Party who frankly admitted that he never saw anything at all! Nevertheless he, like the rest of us, will no doubt tell in years to come of how he assisted at the opening of Tyne Bridge! Altogether a memorable day.

5th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,

29th October, 1928.

THIS month has been a very quiet one as far as the events at the Drill Halls are concerned, this being the lull before the Winter Training fireworks display.

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The writer has only once visited H.Q. this month, and that as a matter of sheer necessity. Of course when one drops in, our worthy Adjutant and the Permanent Staff all pretend they are working even harder than in the earlier months of the year. Typewriters click in harmony, people rush from one room to another, 'phone calls are made and the place is made to resemble the busy hive, but really it is only Brigade and Battalion having their daily back-chat, and that, we take it, is a pleasant recreation, a game of skill, rather than a daily labour.

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Our Annual Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Ponteland on Sunday, the 23rd September, when some 82 Officers and Other Ranks mustered on the Range in order to bag the honours.

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Some of the honours went to Mr. Spencer, who won the Officers' Cup and also drew himself in the Sweepstake, thus bringing off quite a good double.

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The results were as shown below :—

Recruits' Cup.

	Points.
1, Fus. R. Wilson, " D " Coy. (Cup and 20/–) ..	32
2, Fus. J. H. Kemp, " B " Coy. (12/6)	25
3, Fus. J. Fannan, " A " Coy. (7/6)	24
4, T. W. Mosley, " D " Coy. (5/–)	23

Open to all Ranks of the Battalion. 7 shots at 200 Yards (Appl.).

1, Capt. T. A. Carlile, " A " Coy.	33
2, Lieut. A. C. Spencer, " C " Coy.	33
3, Sjt. J. Robson, " A " Coy. Fus. T. Stapylton, H.Q. } (divide 22/6)	33

Old Soldiers' Cup.

1, Capt. T. A. Carlisle, " A " Coy. (Cup)	33
2, Fus. T. Stapylton, H.Q. (20/–)	33
3, Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., H.Q.	32
4, Major B. Peatfield, M.C., H.Q.	31
5, Lce.-Sjt. T. W. Fellows, " A " Coy. (12/6) ..	31
6, Cpl. H. G. Camp, " D " Coy. (5/–)	40

Serjeants' South African Cup.

1, Sjt. A. Black, H.Q. (Cup and 25/–)	59
2, Lce.-Sjt. T. Fellows, " A " Coy. (15/–)	58
3, R.S.M. S. Tyrrell, P.S. (10/–)	57
4, C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson, " D " Coy. (3/6) ..	54

Rapid Firing Cup.

1, C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson, " D " Coy. (Cup and 21/–)	30
2, Sjt. A. Black, H.Q. (17/6)	30
3, Lce.-Cpl. T. Lewins, " A " Coy. (10/–)	29
4, Lce.-Sjt. T. Fellows, " A " Coy. (5/–)	27

Long Distance Cup.

1, Lieut. A. C. Spencer, " B " Coy. (Cup)	63
2, Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., H.Q.	61
C.S.M. E. Coppick, " A " Coy. (25/–)	61
3, Major B. Peatfield, M.C., H.Q.	57
C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson, " D " Coy. (15/–) ..	56
4, Sjt. J. Robson, " A " Coy. Sjt. J. Cross, " D " Coy. } (divide 15/–) ..	50

Past and Present Members' Competition.

1, Lieut. A. C. Spencer, " C " Coy.	96
2, Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., H.Q.	93
3, C.S.M. E. Coppick, " A " Coy. (20/–)	89
4, Major B. Peatfield, M.C., H.Q.	88
5, Capt. G. M. I. Stanley, " D " Coy.	86
6, Sjt. J. Robson, " A " Coy. (10/–)	83
7, Ex-Sjt. J. Christy (5/–)	79

Battalion Shell.

1, Lieut. A. C. Spencer, " C " Coy. (Shell)	122
2, Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., H.Q.	115
3, Major B. Peatfield, M.C., H.Q.	112
4, C.S.M. E. Coppick, " A " Coy. (35/–)	109
5, C.Q.M.S. J. Hutchinson, " D " Coy. (21/–) ..	108
6, Capt. G. M. I. Stanley, " D " Coy.	105
7, Capt. T. A. Carlile, " A " Coy.	104
8, Sjt. A. Black, H.Q. (15/–)	102
9, Lce.-Cpl. J. Lee, " A " Coy. (5/–)	99
10, Sjt. J. Robson, " A " Coy. (5/–)	98
11, Lce.-Sjt. T. Fellows, " A " Coy. Sjt. J. Cross, " D " Coy. } (divide 5/–)	97

Officers' Cup.

	Points.
1, Lieut. A. C. Spencer, " C " Coy. (Cup)	122
2, Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., H.Q.	115
3, Major B. Peatfield, M.C., H.Q.	112

Reid's Sectional Challenge Cup (Team shoot).

1, H.Q. Wing	243
2, " A " Company	242
3, " D " Company	183
4, " C " Company	122
4, " B " Company	86

Cup and 7/6 each competitor in winning team. Team as below :—

Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., Sjt. A. Black, Sjt. W. Thompson, Sjt. W. Charlton, Lce.-Cpl. W. Campbell, Fus. T. Stapylton, Fus. J. Cunningham, Drmr. M. Chapman.

Field Firing Cup (Team shoot).

Won by Headquarter Wing No. 1 Team. Cup, and 7/6 each competitor of winning team consisting of Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., Sjt. A. Black, Lce.-Cpl. W. Campbell, Fus. T. Stapylton.

5/– each competitor in runners up team, consisting of Major B. Peatfield, M.C., Sjt. W. Thompson, Sjt. W. Charlton, Lce.-Cpl. N. Milbourne.

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It is greatly to be regretted that Messrs. Vardy and Davidson have found that they cannot continue among us owing to the demands of their professional duties, and have thus gone on the Reserve of Officers. This is particularly unfortunate, as Major Peatfield has a number of recreational schemes in mind, among them being a boxing show, in which the services of these two stalwarts would have been of great assistance. However, we hope they will not forget us and that they will especially remember " Der Tag."

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On Wednesday, 10th October, the Battalion paraded in Newcastle, on the occasion of the visit of His Majesty the King to open the Tyne Bridge. Although the Battalion did not take a leading part in the ceremonies, a very good turn-out was made, some 130 Officers and Other Ranks parading under the command of Major Peatfield. The Battalion lined part of Grey Street, down from Carliol House, and gave a very smart " Present " when their Majesties passed by.

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It is with great pleasure that we regard the appointment of Brigadier-General H. M. S. Morant, D.S.O., to be Hon. Colonel of the Battalion. General Morant has always taken a keen interest in all matters pertaining to the FIFTH, and as a Battalion we are very proud to be able to forge another link which will bind his interests to ours. We can assure General Morant of a very hearty welcome into the Battalion.

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As mentioned last month, the Commanding Officer was attached to the 5th Battalion Royal Tank Corps from 15th to 22nd September. As, however, we are waiting until our next pow-wow to hear how wars are to be won by correct manipulation of gears and letting the clutch in gently, his thrilling tale cannot be recorded this month.

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We are glad to hear that Capt. Phillips has recovered from his recent indisposition, and hope that his cheery face will soon be on view amongst us once more.

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The Press announce the arrival of the 1st Battalion at Fulford Barracks, York, so we hope and expect to see some of the old familiar faces amongst us in the course of time.

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Our present strength is 17 Officers and 561 Other Ranks.

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The Signallers, under the Signalling Officer, Mr. Giles, carried out a Signalling Exercise in conjunction with the 4th Bn. Signallers at Dukers Hagg, Prudhoe, on the 30th September. A very enjoyable day was spent, so much so that there is to be another similar Exercise on the 18th November.

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A Divisional Tactical Exercise was carried out at Whitby on the 5th/6th instant. This was attended by the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., Major B. Peatfield, M.C., the Adjutant, and the Company Commanders of H.Q. Wing, "A," "C" and "D" Companies. If all accounts be true, a very lively week-end was spent, with whole chapters of the little red books thrown in now and again, just to stimulate everyone's thoughts. Some very interesting exercises were carried out, and all agree that they derived considerable mental fodder from the week-end.

6th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
October, 1928.

THE great event of this month has been the Royal Visit of Their Majesties, and the fact that the Battalion were honoured with the duty of providing a Guard of Honour at the New Bridge. Captain Rutherford produced a Guard that showed every credit to Territorials in the North in general, and his own Unit in particular.

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The complete article as turned out on the 10th October is a result that can only be achieved by much long-suffering, many rehearsals, and great attention to detail.

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Speaking from an entirely biased point of view, the Guard deserved all the congratulations they received, and every man in it worked hard to attain a desired end, so that one could not have singled out a man who was not up to the standard of the rest.

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The other Officers of the Guard were Mr. G. L. A. France, and Mr. R. Potter with the King's Colour. The C.S.M.'s were Jordan and Robinson, and over fifty per cent. of those on parade were ex-Servicemen.

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His Majesty was much impressed with the presence of so many with medals, and informed Captain Rutherford that his Guard were very steady on parade.

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The Band and Drums, also with a strong nucleus of ex-Servicemen, turned out with the same *esprit-de-corps*, and did much with their bearing and music to make the Guard by the smart appearance and good arms drill something to remember.

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On the return of the Guard to the Drill Hall, Mrs. Wilkinson (the wife of our Commanding Officer) kindly presented to each member a photograph taken at the rehearsal on the 7th instant. This photograph, with several others taken on the actual day, were the work of ex-C.S.M. Gosman, of the 5th Fusiliers, and he is to be congratulated on his efforts, which depict a memorable chapter in our Battalion's history.

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Since the strain of commanding the Guard has passed, Capt. Rutherford has been trying to remember other remarks His Majesty graciously made, but gradually we hope Capt. Rutherford's mental balance will have sufficiently recovered to enable us to send to the *Gazette* at least one Royal congratulation per month.

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The contributor has allowed himself up to this an attitude fixed entirely from the Battalion's point of view. We are not likely to have the same great honour in our midst for some considerable time, so we trust critics will pardon us if we write for once for our own alone.

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We cannot dismiss the day without referring with all praise to the conduct of the extra 120 Other Ranks who volunteered

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to line the route. Our allotted span was from the Bank of England in Grey Street to the corner of Pilgrim Street and Mosley Street. It soon became apparent that the police—excellent and untiring though they were—were not going to hold the Grey Street—Mosley Street corner, for a crowd larger than ever seen in Newcastle pressed their weight down Mosley Street, and our Battalion was cast into the mêlée at the corner with their rifles behind their backs to hold the fort. They did it—but just—and another five minutes would have seen the mob well over the centre of the street, with consequences too involved to contemplate. The Regimental Colours, under Mr. Gardner, with their faithful escort, were isolated, and much of the dignity of our carefully timed Royal Salute was sacrificed to the necessity of preserving the Royal route.

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To those who performed their duty (not only of our Battalion, but to all others concerned in the Territorial Army) the greatest possible credit is due. They had an unexpected and very trying (if not dangerous) ordeal to perform. The thanks of the Chief Constable and others concerned appear in other places, and but for their tactful and vigorous handling of a most awkward situation, serious difficulties might have arisen.

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Company Commanders, after the Great Push, collected their men as best they could. One Company Commander retained at all costs a personal body guard, and was compelled to sheath his sword and leave those of his men who were at the bottom of Dean Street to return as best they could.

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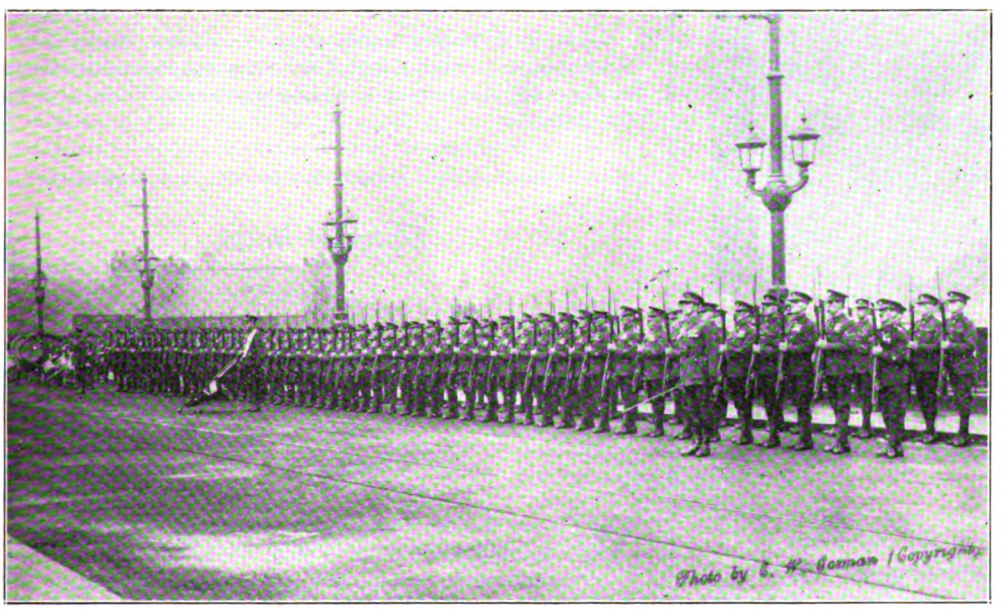
Once more we thank our Q.M., Mr. Ouzman, for excellent arrangements made for feeding all Ranks, both before their duties and afterwards. All were proud to have taken part in a day which did nothing but bring lustre upon the discipline and bearing of the Territorials.



Of other matters—the Musketry Miniature Range contest is now in full swing. Some Companies are practising amongst themselves, others by competing, but it is pleasing to see the great interest shown again in this winter contest.

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Our winter programme is not yet published, but we start in our Drill Hall on 3rd November, by a Boxing Contest against our friends across the Bridge—the 9th D.L.I. After that we have, later in the season, another tournament with the 9th D.L.I., and fight the *Helicon* later in February.

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Mr. France and his friends have kindly agreed to present "French Leave," on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th December—the first date being for the Battalion only.

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Other events, such as the Corporals' and Fusiliers' Dance, Whist Drives, and we hope in all seriousness a Serjeants' Concert, follow at different times in the winter.

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The thanks of the Officers' Mess are gratefully extended to Major Frank Robinson, D.S.O., who commanded us for eighteen months in France, for presenting to the Mess a hoof of General Sir Stanley Maude's charger on which he rode on his entrance into Baghdad. The trophy has been most gracefully mounted in silver, and converted into a match-box. It will prove a most valued and interesting addition to our Mess collection.

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Under Mrs. Wilkinson's guidance a Working Party of Officers and Serjeants' wives has been formed to provide towels and extras for camp use. These gatherings have been held on Monday afternoons, in the Recreation Room, and over 25 have so far attended on each occasion.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
26th October, 1928.

THE only outstanding event of the past month has been the visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen to Newcastle, on 10th October. We sent a contingent of 4 Officers and 58 Other Ranks, under the command of Captain E. H. Watson. This contingent acquitted itself in the best style, and had the good fortune to be located on a section of the route where they just managed to avoid being trampled under foot by the enormous but very happy crowd that assembled to welcome the Royal Visitors.

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We congratulate our friends of the 6th Battalion, who had the honour to provide the Guard of Honour on the new Tyne Bridge. We doubt if any other Battalion, Regular or T.A., could produce such a Guard of war veterans.

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The photo reproduced this month shows the 1928 Lambton Cup Team, led by Mr. Middlemas. This team is drawn entirely from the Alnwick Detachment, which is a heterogeneous collection of cooks and drummers and pioneers and batmen. This

ALNWICK DETACHMENT.

WINNERS OF LAMBTON CUP, 1928.

Left to right.—Fus. E. J. Turnbull. Fus. J. Copeland. Fus. R. Hunter. Fus. J. Whellens. Lieut. R. J. Middlemas. Cpl. J. Wardell. Fus. D. Robinson.

collection, as a collection, is unfamiliar with weapons of war, and it says much for the influence of Mr. Middlemas that in this unpromising field he has cultivated a team capable of taking the Lambton Cup from our own "B" Company and holding it against the determined efforts of the 4th Battalion.

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Fus. Lorimer, a member of the team, is unfortunately missing from the photo.

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Our strength is now 20 Officers and 496 Other Ranks—Officers up to establishment, but 140 men short. We require 200 recruits during the coming season.

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By the time these notes are in print we shall have parted with C.S.M. P. Cole, who rejoins the 1st Battalion in November, after seven years with Permanent Staff of this Battalion. Cole is going almost immediately to a Vocational Training Course, and in June next into civil life, after 24 years' very fine service in the FIFTH.

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Cole has been the ideal P.S. Instructor. His drill hall has always been a joy to the eye and his own appearance a pattern to his Company.

His fatherly tone and his tact when handling T.A. soldiers gave him a grip of his men and won for him a regard and respect and loyalty that were his alone. His Company was always extraordinarily well turned out, his men always quiet and orderly and obedient, and the routine of his job generally ran with the smoothness which only results from efficient control by a man who is enthusiastically keen on his work.

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We shall miss Mrs. Cole almost more. Her touch made ugly buildings look attractive. She could run a drill hall, inspect soldiers departing to Courses, could on occasions absorb, house and feed scores of Officers and soldiers (as witness the Guard of Honour occasion in May, 1928), and the more the work the broader became Mrs. Cole's smile. She rules Cole and most of us very firmly, but we liked and prospered under her very capable and very kindly domination. May she and her family prosper in retirement from the Regiment, and come to see us again soon.

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C.S.M. J. T. Ratliff, whom many of us know, comes on 9th November, in relief of C.S.M. Cole. A worthy successor, whom we hope will have many successful and happy years with the 7th Battalion.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
BENSON,
OXFORD,
October, 1928.

WE are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927. Price, 10/- each.

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We are the victims of Red Tape, and as the matter concerns our readers we venture to hope they will enjoy the piquancy of the Postmaster-General's humour as much as we have done.

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The "General Situation" may be described as follows. The Editorial Chateau is situated in the County of **OXFORD**, a stone's throw distant from the boundary line between that County and the County of **BERKSHIRE.** It, together with its tastefully laid out garden, its bath (h. and c.), and its usual offices, lies 2 miles distant from the town of **WALLINGFORD,** in the County of **BERKSHIRE,** 1 mile distant from the hamlet of **PRESTON CROWMARSH** and less than half a mile from the village of **BENSON,** both the two last-named places being in the County of **OXFORD.**

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Up to the 1st November we have enjoyed a perfectly satisfactory postal service based on **WALLINGFORD,** with a sort

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of outpost at **BENSON.** The P.-M.-G., however, has found this out and is apparently scandalized at such an effort at decentralisation. At any rate he has issued an edict ordaining that we shall be based on **OXFORD,** which is 12 miles away, and retain our outpost at **BENSON.**

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The **SPECIAL IDEA** is that we are to **CHANGE** our **ADDRESS,** and in future all communications intended for our Editorial or private perusal must be addressed to us at

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON, CROWMARSH,
BENSON,
OXFORD.

Telegrams may be sent to the Telephone Number, which is WALLINGFORD 122.

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We hope that as many of our readers will enter for the competition now running, as set forth in the loose leaflet enclosed with this copy. Remember it costs you NOTHING to enter, and the 1st prize of £30 is really worth winning, not to mention the numerous other prizes offered. Read the instructions carefully, and send in your voting papers.

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Subscriptions due in November :—

J. A. Piggot, Esq.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mr. C. F. Baker.
Major-General T. D. Pilcher, C.B.
Capt. C. R. L. English.
Mrs. Arkwright.

149th (NORTHUMBERLAND) INFANTRY BRIGADE ANNUAL DINNER.

THE tenth annual gathering of Officers who served with the above Brigade during the late war took place at Messrs. Tilley's Rooms, Blackett Street, on Friday night, the 26th October, under the Presidency of Major-General Sir Percy S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.

The guests of the evening were Colonel Sir Francis Blake, Bart., C.B. ; Lieut.-Col. J. H. Gibbon, D.S.O. ; Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. ; and Captain A. L. Napier, O.B.E., D.L.

Over 40 Officers were present, including Brigadier-General E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; Colonels N. I. Wright, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., R. Chapman, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., D.L., E. W. R. Pinkney, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., E. Temperley, D.S.O., T.D. ; Lieut.-Colonels B. Cruddas, D.S.O., F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G., W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., H. Liddell, D.S.O., M.C., G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., N. L. Parmeter, T.D., H. S. Bell, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., D.L., R. Errington, M.C., E. G. Angus, M.C., T.D., J. R. Robb, T.D. ; Majors R. Gibson, W. R. Stowell, F. B. Cowen, M.C., H. R. Smail, T.D., D. Hill, M.C., H. A. Ryott, G. F. Bell, R. Atkinson, M.C., T.D. ; Captains F. C. Clayton, M.C., E. H. Watson, T. Sopwith, R. W. Nicholson, H. B. Speke, O.B.E., N. B. Ramsay, M.C., R. Embleton, M.B.E., M.C., R. F. Harrison, T. M. R. Pinkney ; Lieuts. R. Roxburgh, M.C. ; H. V. Adams, H. T. Page.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

A QUARTERLY General Meeting was held at Headquarters, on 20th October, 1928, and was well attended in comparison to the attendances of other General Meetings.

We welcomed amongst us Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas and Mr. J. Byrnes, both from Northumberland, and trust that they were impressed with the efforts we of the FIFTH who are resident in this part of England are making to foster the splendid *esprit-de-corps* of the FIGHTING FIFTH. Byrnes brought the Pipes with him and gave a few North tunes, also the Regimental March Past.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a very enjoyable evening was spent, in the form of a Dance and Concert, which was splendidly arranged by Mr. R. Almonson, well known to many of the 1st and 3rd Battalions. It is hoped that these functions will continue to be supported in the manner deserved.

Membership.—The Hon. Secretary is pleased to report an increase in membership, and the Association is looking forward to continued support, this Trooping Season, from the 1st and 2nd Battalions and Depôt, as the life of the Association depends on its membership. The continued support of all Units is an important factor in its upward trend.

Members should not be satisfied by merely becoming a member, but should do their utmost to get others to join.

Re St. George's Gazette, Sept. No.—Please note that the name mentioned as T. G. Dunn should read as T. G. Dencer—he was born in the Regiment, and is related to the late Bandmaster Dencer.

RAILWAY CONCESSIONS FOR THE ARMY.

WAR OFFICE,
26th September, 1928.

THE Railway Companies of Great Britain and the Irish Free State have agreed to a number of new concessions for Regular Army personnel in connection with journeys on leave or furlough. These concessions are as follows :—

(*a*) the waiving of the wearing of uniform as a condition of the grant of cheap tickets ;

(*b*) an extension of the existing concession to apply to journeys to all stations in the Irish Free State ;

(*c*) an extension from two to three months of the period of availability of the return portion of cheap tickets issued to personnel stationed at home ;

(*d*) the grant of more than one cheap ticket to Officers in respect of any one complete period of leave ;

(*e*) the extension of the concession for serving Regular Officers to their families ; and

(*f*) the extension of the concession for soldiers and barrack wardens and their families to paid pensioner recruiters and their families.

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MILITARY VOTERS.

Preparation of Lists.

WAR OFFICE,
26th September, 1928.

AN Army Council Instruction points out that so far as military voters are concerned, the preparation of the 1929 Register and Absent Voters' Lists involves the provision of facilities for all Officers and soldiers not on the present Register and Lists to secure the investigation of their claims to be registered as voters. Any Officer or soldier whose name is not on the present Register and Lists and who, having reached the age of 21 years on or before 1st December, 1928, in the case of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, or 15th December, 1928, in the case of Scotland, had joined the Army before that date should immediately notify his qualifying address to the Registrar Officer of the constituency in which the address is. In the case of a soldier, the address should be forwarded through the Officer-in-charge of Records of his particular Regiment. Applications should be made as quickly as possible so as to be in time for inclusion in the Electors' Lists before publication. Officers of the Regular Forces are reminded that they must themselves take the necessary action for securing their registration.

WORK FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

WAR OFFICE,
26th September, 1928.

LAST month 185 soldiers completed courses of training at Hounslow, Aldershot and Chisledon Vocational Training Centres, and were formally discharged from the Army on the termination of their Colour Service. Of this number, 126 obtained immediate employment in civil life, some going to private service and positions of trust, some to bricklaying, carpentry, plastering, painting and decorating, and others to fitting and turning, plumbing, motor and electrical work, and other forms of employment.

EXTRACTS FROM "THE WART'S BOOK OF NURSERY RHYMES."

Very carefully Edited by B.D.

FOR the benefit of such as know it not, it will first be necessary to give a definition of the word "Wart" within the meaning of the immortal book now in the custody of our revered Colonel. Long before the book's inception, in the brave days of 1880, it was considered by Fusiliers of old time both desirable and necessary that some term conveying opprobrium and contempt should be coined and applied to the entire race of subaltern officers, without discrimination. These Fathers of the Regiment, after grave and measured disputation and much searching of the dictionary, decided in their wisdom that as the race of subalterns could only be described collectively as excrescenses (or blemishes) upon the face of nature, the generic term of "wart" could be most fitly and comprehensively applied to them. Their logic, it will be admitted, was lucid and irrefutable, and their synonym most happily chosen.

Before, however, reproducing any of the Nursery Rhymes themselves, I think it will be best if I give the essentials of a preface, written to them in 1894, and signed "F. C. Carter, Captain," in which the circumstances of their composition are set forth.

"In 1880, when the 2nd Battalion of the Regiment was quartered at Agra. . . . Owing to the distance of barracks from the Mess, and in order to have some resting-place, principally at night, when the Orderly Dog had at times to kick his heels about barracks for over an hour after tattoo, waiting till it became permissable to turn out the guard, the Subalterns secured a room in barracks, which was henceforth christened and known as 'The Nursery.' The room was furnished between us, and a collection of yellow-backs and the 'Pink 'un' were provided. A Bearer was kept, who used to complain at times that his billet was not altogether a bed of roses. Aerated water was supplied gratis, but members had to supply their own liquor.

"It was in this room that, for lack of something better to do, the Nursery Rhyme Book was started. The first few pages no longer exist. Rightly or wrongly, they referred to a certain little love episode, then on the tapis, of one of the community of Warts, which was considered to have its amusing as well as its romantic points. They were, however, unfortunately for the historical records of the Nursery, destroyed by the swain to whom they referred, when next he found himself doing Orderly Dog.

"Among the contributing Warts were Lambton, Armstrong, Sturges, Carter, Hill, Hore, Stewart, Etheridge, Colvin, Pilcher, Dashwood and Riddell."

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So much for the preface. The ground having now been cleared, I proceed with the first of a series of extracts which, with the concurrence of the Editor, I hope to reproduce for the benefit of the rising generation of Warts and others in the pages of *St. George's Gazette*.

The Wart of those days seems to have been a more literary, not to say poetical, excrescense than his modern counterpart, and it will only be possible to reproduce a small percentage of the very large mass of material that the book contains. The most prolific appears to have been Carter, by whom the preface was written. A poem reprobating the destruction to which he refers in the preface, concludes as follows :—

"And when each Sub. sub-ship resigns,
And soars to higher grade,
Let him look back with pleasure
On these rhymes in wart-ship made.
And other Warts will come and go,
And all will do the same,
When present Warts are Generals,
With C.B.'s to their name."

This was prophetic in the case of the poet, as he has achieved both distinctions.

There follows another ode from the same pen, purporting to be the report of the Orderly Dog to the Captain of the Day, too long for reproduction. It concludes :—

"Farewell! farewell! ye Captain of Day—
Or week, or a month, as may be—
May many more hours and days pass again
'Ere the Dog of the day's F.C.C."

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My next quotation is from the pen of one in whom the Divine Afflatus, by which he must then have been inspired, has lurked unobserved since my knowledge of him—Dashwood. Sad, is it not, to think of this young Byron, sitting in "The Nursery," with his eyes rolling in a fine frenzy of poetic inspiration, and then to view him in later years as C.O. of the Battalion, composing nothing more Byronic than sentences for malefactors at Orderly Room! Here is his ode :—

"YE GOBBLE BIRD.

"Slap, dash, all in a hurry
Gobbled and swallowed 'em—
Chops, steaks, 'taters and curry—
Bread and jam followed 'em.

"Chump, chump, very fine mutton!
Gobbled and swallowed 'em,
Until he burst the very last button—
Cabbages followed 'em."

He was followed by another future C.O. of the Battalion—Lambton, who apostrophizes, in his turn, the Wart to whom the above verses were directed, the late Captain Aubrey Braithwaite, who answered to the name of "Snipe." It shows an Olympian disregard for the requirements of metre, but the poet may at the time have been under the influence of Walt. Whitman. Here it is :—

"Oh! Snipe of hereditary beak,
If you are so round, so plump and so perky,
You'll be kilt as a fatted, gobulous turkey!"

A glowing invocation to the Muse of Poetry follows, from the pen of Pilcher, beginning as follows :—

"Muse of Wartdom, O Wartania!
Goddess of this dismal place,
Grant that Warts may here write many a
Verse inspired by thy grace!"

Braithwaite, who next occupies the Nursery, shows himself to be somewhat sceptical regarding the bestowal of the divine afflatus upon its occupants. He bids you to—

"Remember that the British Wart
Is not quite a poet born.
Drill and drinking's all he's taught,
Poetry's a hope forlorn."

This, of course, was written in the spacious days of soldiering, before the life of the Wart was poisoned by examinations for promotion, and his future darkened by the possibility of failure in them ; but even so, this epigramatic summary of his educational requirements would appear unduly restricted.

There follows a more ambitious effort of two collaborators, Etheridge and Carter, who produce a parody on Byron's well-known "Maid of Athens," which, if somewhat cyncial, contains some quite fortunate lines :—

"Maid of Athens, 'ere we part,
Tell me if thou hast a heart,
For so padded is thy breast
That I almost doubt the rest.

Tell me, maiden, 'ere I go,
Is it all made up or no ?
Can that cheek which the rose mocks
Be bought at eighteenpence the box?"

"Could those teeth of pearly white
'Scape their prison doors at night,
And on dressing-table lay
'Till the coming of the day ?

"Are you false or true at heart ?
Tell me, maiden, 'ere we part."

An "Ode on the Pleasant Side of Things," by Carter, would appeal to those now soldiering in what used frequently to be called "Indigo." It is too long to reproduce, but the metre of "Gunga Din" will be recognised. Verse 1 and chorus are as follows :—

"Of the pleasant side of things
I intend to write to-night,
As I wrote of all the horrors long ago,
For though India you may curse,
There are many places worse
Than this land of Babu-ji, called 'Indigo.'
Chûp, chûp, chûp, you sûr ka butcha,
Kis-wasti tum nahin puckaro ?
Huch-pawani, there's a good time coming, bhai-ji
(This is how our Subs. converse in Indigo)."

Sturges has an ode on "Lovely Woman," which discloses a vein of somewhat cynical humour. The young ladies of Agra are each discussed in a stanza apiece, under their respective soubriquets, "Gash," "Thin," "Thick," "Cimabue Brown," etc. The first-named—"I think we may reckon as prima P.B."—these initials apparently standing for "Professional Beauty," a term much in vogue in those days. He continues, somewhat unkindly :—

"To ride and to dance are her objects in life,
Tho' second, of course, to becoming a wife."

Here is another stanza :—

"Who is it that catches the hearts of the Subs.,
And takes them for walks amidst bushes and shrubs ?
Who sings and plays tennis the best in the town ?
Oh! fairest of maidens, 'tis 'Cimabue Brown.'"

By now I must about have reached the limits of space allowed me by our indulgent Editor ; but before bringing this first series to an end, I hope that sufficient still remains to allow me to give "The Indian Sub.," by Hore, written in the metre of "The Good Grey Mare,"

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" Oh! Once I believed in Indian pay,
I had faith in the bright rupee ;
For a griffin I was, I am bound to say,
With no knowledge of R.A.P. *
But now I have sadder and wiser grown,
And am forced to curtail my grub,
While I sit and groan at the fortunes prone
Of the penniless Indian Sub.

Chorus.

" I haven't a sou, but I have my fun,
And sport full ten times more
Than many a purse-proud son of a gun
Who gluts on India's shore.

" Paymaster's looks grow hard and cold ;
I eye him with anxious awe.
When I ask for my balance I'm always told,
' You continually overdraw.'
Such a ' point direct ' leaves no reply ;
I swallow the bitter snub,
And retire to sigh at the Mess bills high
Of the penniless Indian Sub.

" There are many if placed in a similar plight,
Who would mope and bewail their lot ;
But to Subs. it's a matter of detail quite,
And they never care a jot.
For so callous they grow from day to day,
So familiar with fortunes, Subs.,
That despite their pay the spirits are gay
Of the penniless Indian Subs.

" They have hopes of luck, and promotion quick
To ranks that are better paid.
Till then, though duns follow fast and thick,
They'll never be dismayed.
Their wants are small, and their number three—
Namely baccy, a peg, and a tub—
There's none so free in the whole countree
As the penniless Indian Sub."

In spite of its antiquity, I doubt not that many of the sentiments so well expressed in this poem will find echoes in the breasts of many youthful warriors now serving in the Shiny East. Its inspiration apparently came from a far more pessimistic effusion from the pen of Dashwood, immediately preceding it. He will, he says, " try to describe a delusion to-night —that ocular one of pay," and gives a truly lamentable account of his interview with the Paymaster, who " rises with looks of surprise, and commences by calling me epithets hard, and ends by damning my eyes!"

He retires discomforted to his bungalow, and addresses his retainers :—

" Bearer and Bhisti, Melster, Dhobie,
You can't any tullup get.
'Tis the old, old story, 'twill always so be—
' You sûr ka butchas must sweat!' "

He is then at pains to assure you that his poverty is not caused by " drinking of claret or fizz hard " (which he ingeniously rhymes with " pate's which stick in one's gizzard." No, he puts his hand on his heart and declares that

" The only refreshment I ever now take
Is that gut-rotting stuff, mita pani ! "

He ends up despairingly by pointing out that " Our pay is two hundred and two," and that " On this we can't possibly do," and there he leaves it, in hopeless gloom till Hore comes along and puts a more optimistic complexion on the situation, in the poem quoted in full.

At this point, Mr. Editor, I really *shall* stop for this month, but hope I may be allowed to " warn in " for another instalment next.

B.D.

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DEATH.

HARKNESS.—On 9th November, 1928, at her residence, The Ivy House, Ore, Sussex, Annabella Harriette, widow of Major-General J. Granville Harkness (5th Fusiliers and 55th Regiment), daughter of the Rev. Henry James, Vicar of Willington, and grand-daughter of Colonel William Granville Eliot, K.H., of Valebrook, Ore, in her 90th year.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Lieut. A. L. Scaife, M.C., late Service Battalions, to be Captain (dated 6th Oct.).

REGIMENTAL ALLIANCE.

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Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

YORK,
November, 1928.

THE first "excitement" to record is an Inspection by Lieut.-General Sir Cameron D. Shute (G.O.C.-in-C., Northern Command), on the 29th October. The bulk of the excitement being caused by the non-arrival of the special type of "blanco" we use for our equipment. On the 26th October telegrams were despatched to makers, agents, dealers, etc., and when the result was the arrival of the wrong kind the atmosphere became intense. The Depôt in the end rescued us from this serious dilemma, and on Sunday, the 28th, Captain Braddell and Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt arrived from Newcastle with a car-load of the right kind. The rest of the Sunday was spent in furious cleaning.

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Very meet and proper that we should be rescued by our Depôt, and we are very grateful to them. This incident has impressed us as to the value of a Depôt generally, apart from its value as a recruit trainer.

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The Inspection went off without any alarms and despondencies, and those of us who awaited the arrival of the G.O.C.-in-C. with cleaving of tongues to roofs of mouths, trembling of knees, etc., need not have worried themselves, although they may have occasion to do so later on.

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On the 11th November we sent a Detachment of 100 Other Ranks to the Armistice ceremony at the City Memorial Cross. All troops on this Parade were under the Command of Lieut.-Colonel Garnier, who also commanded our Detachment.

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There was a Regimental Guest Night on the 13th October, to dine-in Mr. Threlfall. Major Chenevix-Trench and Captain Hogshaw were also guests. These latter Officers had been visiting Depôts in Yorkshire, possibly with a view to making *quite* sure that our Depôt was the best; whether this be so or not, whether they got any shocks or not, matters not; and an excellent dinner was followed by general confabulation.

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We welcome Mr. Threlfall, and hope he will have a long and successful career in the FIFTH.

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Captain Buckley, Mr. Carr-Ellison, Mr. Bolster, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Laing, Mr. Whelan and Mr. Speer are on leave, and others are about to go.

Mr. Macmullen has returned from a range-taking course at Woolwich, where no doubt he has learnt, amongst other things, the range from Woolwich Station to Waterloo to six places of decimals.

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Colonel Herbert, Captains Powell, Gatehouse, Pemberton and Lindsay, Mr. Yorke and Mr. Macmullen are taking part in a tactical exercise round Doncaster on the 22nd October, produced for our edification by the West Riding Area.

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The narratives already issued appear to indicate more "mechanised manœuvres," so no doubt there will be plenty of "discussion."

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A Draft of 29 Fusiliers arrived on the 9th November, under Mr. Stockley, and have been posted to "X" Company. We trust it contains many good N.C.O.'s in embryo; we shall want them before long.

1ST BN. ENTERING YORK, 17TH OCTOBER, 1928.

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We welcome Mr. Mortimer, of the 6th Battalion, and Mr. Egglishaw, of the Supplementary Reserve of Officers, who are attached to us for training.

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The Colonel and Mr. Yorke visited the Remount Depôt at Melton Mowbray, and we hear they have secured some really fine "charger-hunters" or "hunter-chargers."

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Colonel Campbell, of bayonet fighting fame, kindly gave a lecture to us and the Depôt, West Yorkshire Regiment, during the month, on boxing, and we feel sure our boxers will greatly benefit thereby, especially in "offensive spirit," not that they lack this!

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The Band played at the Theatre Royal on Sunday, the 18th

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October, for a Charity Concert in aid of the York County Hospital. We feel sure it was appreciated.

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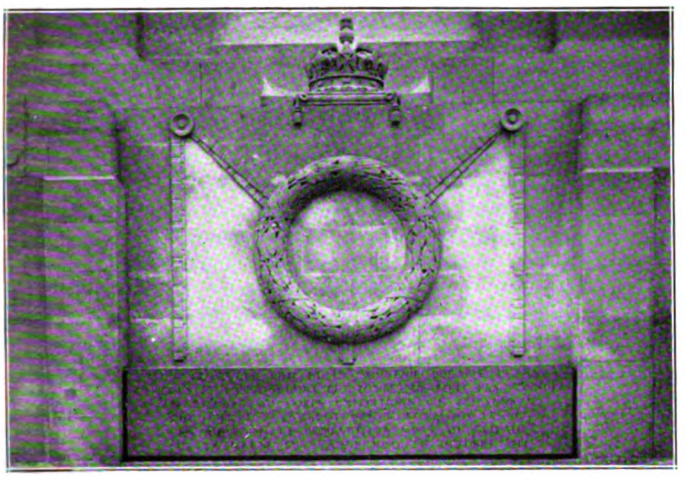
Captain Powell, and of course "Victor," have been sadly



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ruminating over the past joys of "Bogland" since being in York, but they were greatly heartened on getting an invitation from Major Chenevix-Trench to shoot in Northumberland. It is doubtful if this latter Officer fully appreciates what his invitation means to these "lost ones"!

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Apologies are due to the 7th Battalion for omitting to record in last month's notes their kind telegram of greeting to us on our arrival in York. The telegram in question must have been carefully placed in the pocket of the recipient, but the latter is unknown, and as the Colonel and the Adjutant were away at the time, the matter must remain one of the "unsolved mysteries." We again apologise, and thank the 7th Battalion.

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The ante-room is being operated on by painters, plasterers, bricklayers and decorators; the dining and billiard rooms are next for it. In the meantime we are none too comfortable, which may account for the large number of Officers who are buying and hiring expensive looking furniture for their quarters.

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Apart from a cadre course and some machine-gun training, there is little going on—openly; but certain Officers may be seen furtively reading books on Palestine in Company offices, between visits to their barrack-rooms and stores. Discussions on this campaign take place in March.

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C.S.M. Carlin was selected to represent the Regiment at the unveiling of a Memorial by Lieut.-General Sir William Pulteney, K.C.B., at La Ferte Sous Jouarre, on 4th November, to commemorate the fallen at Mons, the Marne and the Aisne. Photographs of the Memorial will be found elsewhere.

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The following have transferred to the Army Reserve during the last two months:—Cpls. Ellen, Morgan, Kirby; Lce.-Cpls. Andrews and Muschialli; Fuslrs. Burke, Cowperthwaite, Hughes, Taylor, Boyle, Denton, Luckling, Barclay, Gullon, Halkner, Anderson, Jackson, West and Donaldson.

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The following have been discharged on medical grounds:—Fuslrs. Palmer, J. Wright and Kingston.

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We wish them all the best of luck in civil life.

BOXING NOTES.

Lce.-Cpl. Colingham (Light-weight) and Fus. Colley (Welter-weight) fought four two-minute round contests against the 1st Bn. The Green Howards, at Strensall, on 20th November.

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Lce.-Cpl. Colingham was just the loser on points, after a very good fight against a heavier and stronger boxer.

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Fus. Colley knocked his opponent out in the third round, after being well down on points.

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Both boxers are to be congratulated on the fine show they put up at very short notice.

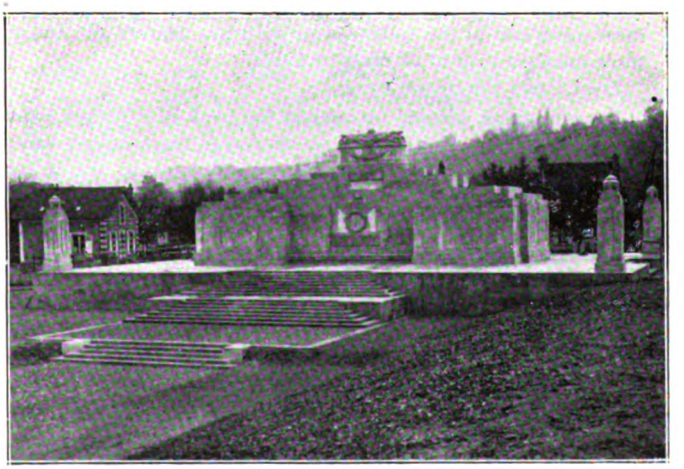
THE HAND.

(A Tale of the Great War.)

Ever since childhood I had had from time to time the same dream. For many years it had been very frequent—perhaps two or three times a month—but as I grew older, so the intervals between the dreams increased, until just before the war I only dreamt it perhaps once in six months.

The earlier dreams were misty and unreal, and left little impression on my mind, but as they became less frequent they were more vivid and disturbed me a lot.

The dream as I first remember it was just a shadowy hand



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which waved for a short time before my eyes, then disappeared. I never once saw an arm, much less a body—just the hand. I got used to it, and for many years thought nothing of it.

In 1913 I only had the dream about once in three months

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but now the hand became more distinct and I saw it was a right hand, rather heavily covered with short black hairs. The first finger, I saw, now waved at me in a sort of cautionary manner.

For some days after each dream I felt rather depressed about it, and finally considered seeking medical advice, but I never did, neither did I tell anyone about it. One is rather diffident about telling people about one's dream—anyhow in a serious way—and I could never bring myself to joke about it.

It would be small comfort to me to be laughed at or told that I'd eaten too much.

In 1914 I had the dream twice before the outbreak of the Great War. Both dreams were very vivid, particularly the second one. In these two dreams I saw for the first time a rather large blue wart below the second joint of the index finger. Another thing, this finger now wagged at me for a longer time, and was more emphatic—"Be careful!" "Be careful!" it seemed to say.

These two dreams worried me very much, and I had decided to go and see a nerve specialist, when the war broke out.

I obtained a temporary commission and crossed to France in 1915 as a Second-Lieutenant in the 9th Northshire Regiment, went through the massacre of Loos, being the only Officer of the Battalion unwounded.

The Somme battles found me still untouched, but my nerves were getting frayed. During the whole of this time I'd never had the dream again, and had practically forgotten it.

By 1917 I was a Captain commanding a Company, and the only original Officer of the Battalion left. Passchendaele came and went, and still I was untouched. This preyed on my mind a good deal, as I knew by the law of averages that I was long overdue for something. I'd reached the stage when at times I had to force myself up the line; at other times I was filled with a reckless despair, and risked my life unnecessarily.

But never a dream!

In January, 1918, I was given command of the 4th Ledshires, and moved down with them to the Fifth Army area.

The great German attacks of March swept us back over the old Somme battlefields, until one day I found myself about three miles east of the Somme river with two Officers and about three hundred men of all sorts of Units.

Then I had the dream again.

I was sleeping, leaning up against the bank of a sunken road we were holding, when I saw an enormous black-haired hand with a huge blue wart below the second joint of the index finger. This finger raised itself and shook fiercely at me for what seemed to be a long time.

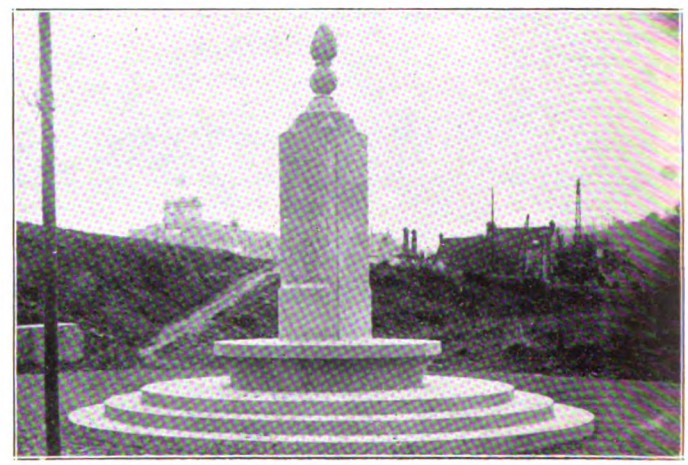
I awoke suddenly in a cold sweat, and found an Orderly from Brigade with a message for me. I pulled myself together and read. The gist of it was that I had to hold the line of the sunken road I was already in and a wood on my right until 4 p.m., and I gathered that the safety of the right flank of the Division depended on it. The time was now 6 a.m.

It was the hell of a day. The sunken road was almost continuously bombarded, and the wood on my right was heavily attacked three times during the morning. If it hadn't been for some odd machine-gun detachments and about ten Lewis guns which had been salved from some tanks by their crews, we couldn't have held on. I remained untouched as usual, but my varied command dwindled rapidly.

About 1.30 p.m., some fifty men of the 2nd Royal Lanarks of the Division supposed to be on our right, came into the sunken road, and I had just time to throw them into the wood on the right flank before another heavy attack was launched against it. This attack was also repelled. By this time I was considerably dazed by the constant shell-fire and its results, and found myself repeatedly looking at my watch and then at the ground behind me that sloped down to the river.

At 2.30 p.m. I had just glanced at my watch again and discovered myself repeating: "Only one hour and a half," "Only one hour and a half." "Can we do it?" "Can we do it?" And my eyes mechanically lifted to the sloping ground behind, when they fell on a solitary figure coming up the slope. As it drew nearer I saw it was a Staff Officer whom I had never seen before. He jumped into what was left of the sunken road and shouted out: "Are you Colonel —— of the Ledshires?" "Yes," I replied. "You've got to withdraw over the Somme at once," he shouted.; "at once, you understand. I'm Colonel Marks, G.S.O.I. of the —— Division (the Division supposed to be on our right). I've passed through your Divisional Headquarters, and the whole line has to withdraw. We are late now, so give your orders immediately please." By this time he was close in front of me, and as he spoke the last words he raised his right hand and shook his index finger at me. I saw it was a black-haired hand and below the second joint of the finger I saw a large blue wart. In a mist, with cold sweat breaking out all over me, I stumbled forward and drawing my revolver shot him dead.

"PORTE-MAISON."



VIEW OF THE MEMORIAL TO THOSE WHO FELL AT MONS, THE MARNE AND THE AISNE.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

No football notes appeared in the last number of the *Gazette*, because at the time last month's notes were written we had only been in York a little over a week, and there was little to record. These notes, therefore, will contain an account of the activities of the Battalion team so far this season.

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Before leaving Ballykinlar, no matches of any importance were played, but friendly games were arranged, chiefly with a view to finding out how the Battalion side was going to be composed this season. Two games were played against the

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West Yorks and two against the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. In these matches the scores were as follows :—

v. West Yorks. Regt.	Away.	Fifth, 5 ; W. Yorks. Regt., 3
v. Royal Innis. Fus.	Away.	Fifth, 2 ; Royal Innis. Fus., 3
v. West Yorks. Regt.	Home.	Fifth, 2 ; W. Yorks. Regt., 1.
v. Royal Innis. Fus.	Home.	Fifth, 6 ; Royal Innis. Fus., 1.

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These games served their purpose, and by the time we arrived in York we had a fair idea as to who would, and who would not, be likely to play in the best side available in the Battalion.

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After arriving here we were invited to take over the fixtures of the Border Regiment in the York and District Half-holiday League, the Border Regiment up to the time of our arrival having collected 5 points out of 6. So far, we have played a further two matches, which we have won, 4—1 and 12—0. It is perhaps a little early to judge, but it does seem that the standard of football in this competition is considerably below that of a Regimental team, and we should have no right to be satisfied with ourselves if we failed to win the League Competition fairly easily.

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Army Cup Competition.

In this competition we received a bye in the first round and were drawn at home against 1st Bn. Cameronians, from Catterick, in the second round.

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Although our grounds in Barracks leave nothing to be desired, conditions for this game were bad, as rain fell for a considerable time before the game, and also throughout it. The ground was very slippery and ball contact difficult. In spite of this, however, the FIFTH team delighted their supporters by playing really good, open and vigorous football. Under the conditions, their ball control was remarkable, and they managed to keep their feet considerably better than their opponents.

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The Cameronians started well, and at times looked dangerous. They opened the scoring after about fifteen minutes' play, with a goal which finished off a good passing movement.

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This roused the FIFTH, who thereafter pressed considerably for some time, and eventually Hughes beat a couple of opponents and defeated the Cameronians' goalkeeper with a low one.

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The FIFTH scored another goal before half-time, in rather an unusual fashion. Our forwards had moved up very fast, and the Cameronians' goalkeeper came out some way to stop a rasper from Lce.-Cpl. Scanlan (inside right). The ball bounced, or was fisted, out to Kellett (outside right), who wasted no time and sent in a dropping shot from a difficult angle, the ball arriving in goal whilst the goalkeeper was hurrying back. No more scoring took place before half-time, though once or twice the ball swept right across the FIFTH goal mouth, in dangerous fashion.

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In the second half, though only one more goal (Hughes) was scored, the FIFTH completely dominated their opponents, who rarely looked in the least bit dangerous. Had it not been for the first-rate display of the Cameronians' goalkeeper, the FIFTH must have had two or three more goals. Lieut. Murray is an Army goalkeeper and second only in the Corinthians to Howard Baker. His sense of position was often almost uncanny.

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As regards general comments on the game, it was satisfactory to see how very fit the FIFTH were compared to their opponents. The FIFTH were still going all out up to the end, whereas the Cameronians tired appreciably.

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There is no question of singling out players for special mention, as everyone played pretty well up to the top of his form.

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The two backs, Fuslrs. Charlton and Dennison, were always safe ; the half-back line fed the forwards well, and proved a great obstacle to the opposing forwards ; and the forward line displayed more combination than we have seen in a Battalion side for many a day. Craig did all that was required in goal.

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The following represented the FIFTH :—

Fus. Craig.
Fus. Charlton. Fus. Dennison.
Cpl. Ingham. Lce.-Cpl. Charlton. Cpl. Bell.
Cpl. Rhodes. Lce.-Cpl. Scanlon. Fus. Hughes. Fus. Young.
Cpl. Rhodes.

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In the next round we are fortunate in again drawing to play at home, this time against 4th Bn. Royal Tank Corps from Catterick. The game is to be played on 5th December, and if the team shows the same form as it did against the Cameronians the Tank Corps will have to be a good side to beat it.

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One other friendly game was played at home, against Leeds University. A good, fast game resulted in a victory for the FIFTH by 2 goals to 1. Unfortunately the University side was unavoidably late, and the last 20 minutes of the match was played in semi-darkness.

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The FIFTH did well to win this match against a very much heavier, and, in some departments, faster side.

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After the game, Leeds University, having said what an enjoyable game it was, made two comments—one to the effect that you had to be very fit to play against soldier teams, and the other to the effect that if our shooting had been up to the standard of the rest of our play, we should have had many more goals. We weren't very good in front of goal that day.

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Congratulations to Cpl. Bell on having been selected to play for the Army against Oxford University. He had previously been selected to play against Cambridge University, but as the date clashed with our match against the Cameronians, could not go. In the match against Oxford he apparently quite satisfied the selectors.

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(For the benefit of our 119 readers who went on the last draft to India.)—In the Army Cup Competition eliminations in Ireland, West Yorks. Regt. beat Gordons, 7—1 ; Foresters beat West Yorks. Regt.

RUGBY NOTES.

Our first match after arrival in York was against Leeds University. Lce.-Cpl. McDonough was very nearly over at the

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start from a loose scrum on their line. The 'Varsity then brought play into our "25" by a series of loose rushes, but our defence held out and no score resulted. Naylor and McDonough were both nearly over, the latter having hard luck when he knocked on right on their line. Just before half-time the 'Varsity scored 2 tries, which were not converted.

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The second half was rather scrappy, the 'Varsity scoring 2 more unconverted tries. Result—Leeds University, 12 points; Fifth Fusiliers, nil.

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On 31st October we visited St. Peter's School, and on a soft ground with a drizzle of rain falling, our scrum outweighed the School forwards, and we gained possession from the tight scrums, but the School was better in the loose. The School soon attacked, and a good three-quarter movement enabled them to score far out, the kick failing. The FIFTH then attacked and the School were penalised in their "25," the kick and goal failing. Play was taken to mid-field, where they gained possession and one of the centres, cutting through, scored and the try was converted. After half-time we attacked, and good work by the forwards enabled Cpl. Stobbart to score far out, Sherburne having hard luck when his kick at goal hit the post and rebounded into play. Following another forward rush, the School was penalised. Mr. Beckwith kicked a goal. Play was even till the end. Result—St. Peter's School, 8 points; Fifth Fusiliers, 6 points.

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On Saturday, 3rd November, we entertained Bradford "A," and after a good game were beaten by 3 points to nil. We had more than our share of the play, and were really unlucky not to win, the forwards being all over their opposite numbers.

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In our next game, against York Nomads, we registered our first win in York, beating them by 17 points to 6 points. Tries were scored by Sherburne (2), McDonough and Mr. Beckwith. The forwards again played well, and the play of the three-quarters improved tremendously.

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We were beaten in our return match *v.* St. Peter's School by 19 points to 8 points. Our defence was weak, and too much indiscriminate fly hacking by the forwards gave their backs many chances which they were quick to avail themselves of.

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On Friday, 23rd November, we journeyed to Catterick to play the Depôt Bn. Royal Corps of Signals, in the second round of the Army Rugby Cup.

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On arrival at Catterick it was raining and blowing hard, and by the time we kicked off a 60-mile an hour gale was blowing obliquely across the ground with sheets of rain. It was very doubtful whether we would play at all, but a start was made at 2.45. It was quite impossible to handle the ball, and very difficult to keep it inside the field of play. The forwards, however, rose to the occasion splendidly, and by means of short rushes worked the ball down to the Signals' line, rushed it over, and Mr. Enderby touched down. Mr. Beckwith made an attempt to kick a goal, but it was quite impossible. Play continued on the same lines, and the FIFTH forwards wheeling on the Signals' line enabled Mr. Clark to touch down for a second try which, needless to say, was not converted. At half-time both sides rushed for the Pavilion and tried to warm themselves. The second half was the same as the first, the FIFTH attacked practically continuously, everybody, barring one or two backs, joining in the scrums to get warm. No score, however, resulted and we ran out winners by 2 tries 6 points to nil. The side is to be congratulated on putting up such a splendid show and adapting themselves so well to the appalling conditions. The forwards were splendid, and no single man could be picked out from a pack who went all out from start to finish.

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We must thank Mr. Whelan, Mr. Laing, Mr. Carr-Ellison, Cpl. Naylor and Fus. Watson for giving up part of their hard-earned leave and coming to play for the Regiment.

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The following represented the Battalion:—Fus. Plumb (*back*); Capt. Pemberton, Mr. Beckwith, Fus. Sherburne, Lce.-Cpl. McDonough (*three-quarters*); Mr. Laing, Mr. Enderby (*halves*); Mr. Carr-Ellison, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Threlfall, Cpl. Stobbart, Fus. Craig, Lce.-Cpl. Portill, Fus. Watson (*forwards*); Cpl. Naylor (*reserve*).

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After the match the following were awarded their Colours:—Cpl. Stobbart, Lce.-Cpl. McDonough, Lce.-Cpl. Portill, Fus. Sherburne, Fus. Plumb, Fus. Craig, Fus. Watson.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We have at last opened our season of festivities, with a Social and Whist Drive. This was held on the 23rd instant, and proved a very great success.

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The result of the whist was as follows:—

LADIES.	GENTS.
1, Mrs. Parker, R.A.S.C.	1, Mr. Robson.
2, Mrs. Chislett, 5th Fus.	2, Mr. Lancaster.
3, Mrs. Capstaff, 5th Fus.	3, S.M. Kelly.

Booby—Mrs. Currie, M.P.S.C.

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The programme of the Social is appended below:—

1.	Song	"I want to be alone with Mary Brown" ..	Mr. Len Heath
2.	Musical Item ..	.. "Jazz Band" ..	Len Heath's Band
3.	Song	.. "Sweet Bye-and-Bye" ..	.. Mr. Baker
4.	Saxophone Solo	"Tears of an Old Irish Mother" ..	Sjt. Hackett
5.	Special Request ..	.. "The Jockey"	.. Mr. Baker
6.	Song	.. .. "Wobble—O!"	S.M. Holdsworth
		(Accompanied by Mrs. Holdsworth)	(W. Yorks. Regt.)
7.	Song	.. .. "Ding-Dong" ..	S.M. Rowsell (5th Fus.)
8.	Song	.. .. "O sole mio"	.. Sjt. Mears
		(Obligato by C.Q.M.S. Bramley.)	
9.	Song	.. .. "The Sailor"	.. Mr. Baker
10.	Song	"When Father went to Ramsgate" ..	Sjt. Hackett
11.	Special Request ..	"Three Sovereigns" ..	Mr. Holdsworth (W. Yorks. Regt.)
12.	Song	.. .. "Sombatalli"	.. Mr. Baker
13.	Song	.. .. Selected	.. Sjt. Moore
14.	Special Request ..	"The Bushman" ..	.. Mr. Baker

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This programme was ideal and provided much mirth and merriment. Mr. Baker is especially to be congratulated as the champion laugh-raiser.

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S.M. Rowsell knocked a few years off and thoroughly enjoyed himself, in addition to giving a song of his younger days.

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Many thanks are due to C.S.M. Newton and his Committee for their most excellent show. Here's looking!

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Congratulations, too, for the artistes who provided the programme, on the excellent show.

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May we be entertained by them again at some future function.

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The Mess is now beginning to look like a perfect home—warm, extremely comfortable, and well decorated, thanks to the efforts of Drum-Major Hebbron and Sjt. Moore and C.Q.M.S. Allan.

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" Better late than never " is an admirable proverb, and made to be used, so it will now be used by offering C.S.M. Newton a hearty welcome on his return from West Africa.

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The members of the Mess were extremely pleased to have a visit from ex-Sjt.-Major G. Pullan, and delighted to see him looking so fit and well. May we have the pleasure of seeing both him and Mrs. Pullan on many occasions in the future.

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A hearty welcome also to Sjt. Fitzgerald on his return from the Depôt, and to Sjt. P. Cole on his return from the 7th Battalion.

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Sjt. Cole will unfortunately not be with us long, as he is proceeding on a Vocational Course in the near future.

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You are allowed three guesses. No!!! You're wrong. He's going to be a groundsman. More power to his elbow! May he make splendid drains, green grass grow, and never catch " Col(e)d " in the process.

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One might now turn from the subject of welcome and go on to that of congratulations.

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These are extended to Sjt. and Mrs. J. R. Kirby on the birth of a son, John James, who was born at York on Armistice Day. Good luck and best wishes!

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They are also extended to C.S.M. J. Purcell and Lce.-Sjt. Huggan on their respective jumps up the ladder of fame. Best of luck to you both.

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During the month two billiard matches have been played, Fifth Fusiliers *v.* Mr. Nixon's XI., and also against a Cosmopolitan team from York. Results are appended below :—

SERJEANTS' MESS.		MR. NIXON'S XI.	
S.M. Rowsell	100	Mr. Nixon	71
Sjt. Swain	100	Mr. Smith	66
C.S.M. Newton ..	85	Mr. Bell	100
Sjt. Hobbs	55	Mr. Cornsell	100
Drum-Major Hebbron	100	Mr. Howes	42
Sjt. Moore	100	Mr. Banks	83

Total score :—5th Fusiliers, 540 ; Mr. Nixon's XI., 463.

SERJEANTS' MESS.		COSMOPOLITANS.	
Sjt. Swain	55	Mr. Lancaster ..	100
C.S.M. Newton ..	100	Mr. Watson	59
Sjt. Moore (50 up) ..	50	Mr. Jennings (50 up) ..	24
Sjt. Hullyer	100	Mr. Woodham ..	52
Sjt. Hobbs	96	Mr. Watson	100
S.M. Rowsell	68	Mr. Lancaster ..	100
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Sjt. Hobbs (" Harry ") enjoyed himself immensely during the evening, talking football with Mr. Jennings. Mr. Jennings is a REFEREE.

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All members take this opportunity of wishing all friends and past members a Very Happy Christmas.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

24th November, 1928.

We all thought that we had left the rainy weather behind at Ballykinlar, but such is not the case.

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It is the same at York as Ballykinlar—" Rain," " Rain," and more " Rain " being the motto.

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We get an occasional glimpse of the sun, and then it sometimes turns out to be a sunshower.

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" X " Company and H.Q. Wing N.C.O.'s commenced their annual cadre course at the beginning of the month.

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They have all got visions of going to Hythe in the forthcoming year.

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It is something unusual to see some of the " Fold " wearing canvas, for they only wear it when cadre courses start.

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A few dark horses have come to light on the billiard table, so when the handicaps start the Committee will have to have their thinking caps on.

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Beginning next month, the Club is running a monthly Dance, to be held the first Friday in each month.

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Some enjoyable evenings should be spent at these functions.

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The " Fold " heartily congratulate Cpl. Bell (" W " Company) on his being chosen to play for the Army against Oxford Univsity at soccer on the 24th instant.

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We all wish him every success, and hope that this game will lead to many more.

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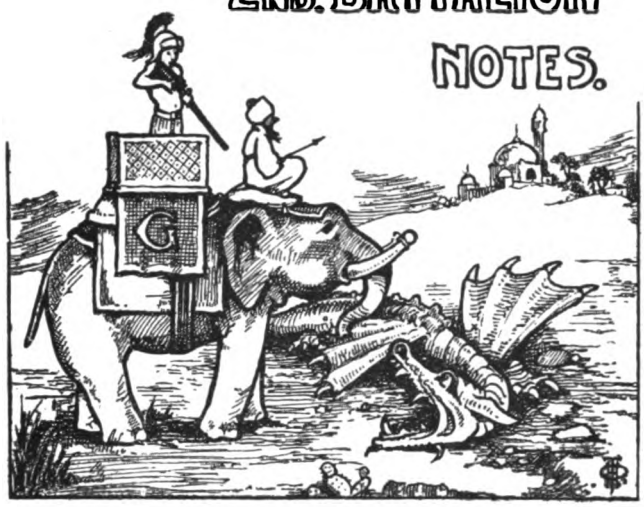
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



CHERAT,

October, 1928.

NEXT month's notes will be written in the throes of our move to Lahore, so we hope they will be written. The date, as far as we know, is 26th November, but no doubt this will be changed bi-weekly in the course of the next month.

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The Battalion is practically living in its boots these days, and we are having considerable practice in moving ourselves and our possessions by every means known in India—rail, lorry, pack mules, bullock and mule carts, and our own flat feet.

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On 6th October, " A " Company and the M.G. Platoon moved from Chitral Lines, where our detachment has spent the hot weather amid sylvan surroundings, out into our desert home, where the only growing things are a few small radishes which certain Officers nourish with their bath water.

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A fortnight later the Battalion, less " A " and " B " Companies, marched down from Cherat, doing the 19 miles of hill paths without casualties and arriving fresh and cheerful, which is particularly satisfactory as over 100 men in the column had only been in the country a month. The transport column of 240 carts had a less pleasant journey, having 37 miles of very dusty road to cover. However, they got in by midday on the second day, choked with dust but in good heart at being back in comparative civilisation.

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" B " Company arrived from Khanspur on the 27th, doing the 55 miles to Rawal Pindi by march route, and so the Battalion is complete for a month.

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On 7th October a draft of 28 men left for England, on transfer to the Reserve or to the Home Establishment. We were very sorry to say good-bye to some well-known faces, particularly to R.Q.M.S. Willson, who is going to the Depôt as R.Q.M.S. He has served abroad continuously since before the war, and he thoroughly deserves a spell of home soldiering; he will be missed very greatly, not only in his own official sphere, but also by many Officers who were wont to seek enlightenment on intricate and diverse problems and always found him a perfect fountain of knowledge.

The Chitral Relief Column arrived back a short time ago, after its arduous journey. Mr. Tarleton returned the colour of old mahogany, while Mr. Foster was the colour of a primrose with jaundice, which he had the misfortune to contract on the return journey. We still hope to have an account of the journey and a description of the country and people up near the Russian Frontier, which the Brigadier and Mr. Tarleton, travelling with a small party beyond Chitral, almost reached. However, this may be some time in forthcoming, as Mr. Tarleton is on the point of departure for the Small Arms School, Pachmari, where, as most of us know, one is liable to suffer from a fixed idea.

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It is interesting to note that even now refugees from the benevolent Soviet Government occasionally find their way down into India, and one such party actually drifted into Chitral while the Column was there, and is now in Peshawar.

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For the last fortnight life has been made hideous by incessant chatter of machine guns, which have been disporting themselves daily all round barracks. We live, unfortunately, on the edge of the field firing area, which, by the way, is 4 square miles of the most perfect ground one can ever hope to meet, and a Brigade M.G. Concentration has been taking place, under Mr. Earle. Machine gunners, of course, are entirely deficient of the finer feelings, their one joy being to get as close to offices, hospitals or schools as they possibly can, and make a frightful din, tactical considerations being completely subordinate to the importance of stopping all conversation or work within half a mile radius.

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Mr. Ingledew is to be congratulated upon creating a stir in the golfing world by winning the Scratch Gold Medal in the Nowshera (Simla) Golf Club's Annual Competition with the lowest score on record. There were 25 competitors, most of whom are all well known in golfing circles.

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Colonel Kershaw returned on the 27th from six months' leave and commences his fourth year in command of the Battalion.

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Mr. A. R. Walton, I.A.U.L., joined during the month for a year's attachment before being posted to his Indian Regiment. We offer him a hearty welcome, and hope that his year with the FIFTH will be both valuable to him and a pleasant memory in his years to come.

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The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Lahore paid us a visit at Nowshera at the end of October. He met the Commanding Officer at a dinner party given by the Brigadier, and asked if any Officers, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Men who attended the Consecration of the new Colours at Sabathu in 1914 were still with the Battalion. C.S.M. Pollard, Sjt. Earle, Fuslrs. Hastings, Noon, Godfrey and Hardy are the only rank and file now actually serving in the 2nd Battalion who were present when the Colours were consecrated by the Bishop and presented by Lord Hardinge. The Bishop, who will be on leave in April, 1929, eagerly accepted an invitation to St. George's Day, 1930, at Lahore.

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The 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards leave Risalpur on 30th/31st October, en route to York. We are giving their Officers breakfast at Nowshera Station, where the Regiment

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will spend an hour on the morning of the 31st, and our Band will play them out.

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Our good wishes go with this fine sporting Regiment, with

BOY TRADEWELL, CHAMPION SHOT (BOYS), CHERAT, 1928.

which we have had so many excellent games—football, hockey and boxing, etc.—and in which we lose so many friends.

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At York they will be alongside the 1st Battalion, and will continue the friendship which dates, in case of the 5th Dragoon Guards, from Bloemfontein and the South African War.

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The Inniskilling Dragoons have drawn many Officers from the FIFTH, and Colonel Brooke, who now commands the amalgamated Regiments, began his service in the 4th Battalion 5th Fusiliers at York, in 1901, with our present C.O.

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Whilst on leave, Colonel Kershaw received a letter from Colonel McNamara, now Commandant, Hythe and Netheravon, and a very warm friend of this Regiment. The following extracts will be much appreciated by all ranks of the 2nd Battalion who knew him so well in Fyzabad and welcomed his frequent visits as Brigade Commander 19th Indian Infantry Brigade :—

"I was delighted to hear of the Battalion's success in India. It is a fine thing to have won the Sir George Barrow Cup as the most efficient British Battalion in the Peshawar District. I am most awfully pleased to offer you and the Battalion most sincere and delighted congratulations. . . .

"My salaams to all who remember me in the 2nd Battalion. It gives me quite a thrill, that being officially recognised as the most efficient Battalion in Peshawar District. A jolly good thing for all, as setting a high standard to live up to."

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The Boys held their Annual Prize Shoot on Thursday, 11th October, 1928, on the Classification Range at Cherat.

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(1) Practices, conditions and prizes were as follows :—

PRACTICE.	KIND.	TARGET.	RANGE.	RDS.	CONDITIONS.	SCORING.	H.P.S.
1	Application ..	4 ft.	200 yds.	5	Lying—firing over cover with arm or rifle rested.	4, 3, 2, 1	20
2	Snapshooting	Large Snap-shooting 22 in.	200 yds.	5	Lying—firing over cover with arm or rifle rested. Butt on the ground to commence. Exposed 5 secs.—timed from the Butts.	3 points for a hit.	15
3	Application ..	4 ft.	300 yds.	5	Lying—firing over cover with arm or rifle rested.	4, 3, 2, 1	20

(*a*) GRAND AGGREGATE—*i.e.* the boy with highest total when

PRIZE WINNERS, BOYS' SHOOT, CHERAT, 1928.

(*Left to right*) Boy Dowdell. Boy Tradewell. Boy Smythe.

the scores on each of the three practices are added together. Prize presented by Major O. B. Foster, M.C.

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(*b*) Highest score in each practice, 5 Rs.; 2nd best score in each practice, 3 Rs.; 3rd best score in each practice, 2 Rs.

No firer to be allowed to take more than one first prize, one second prize, and one third prize. *Example.*—Should he be placed first in all three practices, he will take the first, second and third prizes in the order in which the practices are fired.

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The standard of scoring, as will be seen from the table below, was very good, and we hope that the excellent work commenced by Major O. B. Foster, M.C., last year, will continue to bear fruit.

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There is no end to the keenness of the Boys, and their efficiency with the rifle ought certainly to be a good omen for the future musketry hopes of the Battalion.

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Boy Tradewell is to be complimented on obtaining a score of 49 points out of a possible 55 points; and with Boy Smythe, Boy Dowdell and Boy Sanctuary all scoring 44, and Boy Brooks

BOYS' SHOOTING TEAM, CHERAT, 1928.

(*Standing—Left to right*) Boy Dowdell. Boy Tradewell. Boy Allen. Boy Palmer.
(*Sitting—Left to right*) Boy Sanctuary. Boy Bartrop. Bds.-boy Brooke. Capt. and Bt.-Major T. J. Carroll Leahy, D.S.O., M.C. C.S.M. I. M. Beck (*coach*).
Boy Smythe. Boy H. Brewster. Boy S. Brewster.

(last year's Champion) scoring 42, at least 50 % of the boys are considered to have reached the marksman standard.

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Points obtained at 300 yards by Boy Brooks (who scored 19), Boy Dowdell (score 19) and Boy H. Brewster (score 18) are deserving of special mention, owing to the range and size of the target. Three other boys—Smythe, Tradewell and Sanctuary—also scored 16 at this range.

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In the Shoot-off at 300 Yards, shot for shot, for 1st place, Boy Dowdell beat Boy Brooks after the third shot. Dowdell ran up three successive Inners, whilst Brooks dropped to a Magpie on the third shot.

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It was also necessary to have a Shoot-off for 2nd place in the Snapshooting at 200 yards. Dowdell and Sanctuary both having made four hits, carried on shot for shot—Sanctuary made 6 more successive hits and Dowdell 5 before the issue was decided.

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Two Sighting Shots were allowed in practices 1 and 3, and taking these into account the following very interesting data is furnished :—

FIRING AT 200 YARDS.

Boy Smythe	6 Bulls	1 Inner.
Boy Brooks	4 Bulls	3 Inners.
Boy Tradewell	4 Bulls	3 Inners.

FIRING AT 300 YARDS.

Boy Dowdell	5 Bulls	2 Inners.
Boy H. Brewster	5 Bulls	2 Inners.

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Boy Palmer, who has only been with the Battalion three weeks, has the making of a good shot; whilst Boy Bartrop, who is the smallest of the Boys, will improve considerably as he grows.

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The work put in by C.S.M. I. M. Beck, M.M., in addition to his multitudinous jobs, in coaching the Boys since his return from leave, is amply borne out in the results obtained.

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The prize money was very kindly given by O.C. H.Q. Wing, to whom the Boys are more than indebted.

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After the Competition the Boys all paraded for photographs, a few of which are reproduced.

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(2) Boys' Shoot. Scores and prizes :—

NAME.	PRACTICE 1. SCORE.	PRACTICE 1. PRIZE.	PRACTICE 2. SCORE.	PRACTICE 2. PRIZE.	PRACTICE 3. SCORE.	PRACTICE 3. PRIZE.	GRAND TOTAL.
Boy Brooks ..	17	Rs. 2	6	—	19	Rs. 3	42
Boy Brewster ..	13	—	9	—	14	—	36
Boy Smythe ..	19	Rs. 5	9	—	16	—	44
Boy Dowdell ..	13	—	12	Rs. 2	19	*Rs. 5	44
Boy Tradewell ..	18	Rs. 3	15	Rs. 5	16	—	49
Boy H. Brewster ..	9	—	6	—	18	Rs. 2	33
Boy Allan	9	—	6	—	9	—	24
Boy Sanctuary ..	16	—	12	* Rs. 3	16	—	44
Boy Palmer ..	13	—	6	—	12	—	31
Boy Bartrop ..	10	—	3	—	5	—	18
Practice Averages	13.7		8.4		14.4		36.5

GRAND AGGREGATE (Prize presented by Major O. B. Foster, M.C.)—Boy Tradewell.
* After Shoot-off.

DEPOT NOTES.

THE BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
November, 1928.

OUR notes for November begin from 22nd October, the notes for October having terminated on the 21st of that month.

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On 22nd October, 2nd-Lieut. J. J. Egglishaw, Supplementary Reserve of Officers, arrived at the Depôt for a tour of duty. We welcome him to the Depôt, and hope he will enjoy his stay with us. He is to join the 1st Battalion at York on 19th November for a further period of Training. He has been doing a short course in Weapon Training, and has been attached to the Training Cadre whilst at the Depôt.

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On 23rd and 24th October, the Autumn Race Meeting was held at Gosforth Park. Officers of the 5th/68th R.D. had the pleasure of entertaining between 20 and 30 people to tea in their box during the course of the two days' racing.

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On the 26th October, Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel of the Regiment, inspected the Depôt. A normal programme of training was carried out. The following complimentary Order was received from Major-General Wilkinson, and has been published in Orders :—

" I was very pleased with all I saw at my Annual Inspection of the Depôt, both as regards training and administration, and I congratulate all Ranks on the good results being achieved."

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On 27th October, the Morpeth Hunter Trials were held at Whalton, 7 miles from Morpeth, in which Major Chenevix-Trench took part, riding " Judy " in the light-weight and " Paleface " in the heavy-weights.

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On the 28th, Captain Braddell and Mr. Holdsworth Hunt visited the 1st Battalion at York, staying there for lunch. We understand that they raided the N.A.A.F.I. here and carried off a considerable quantity of " Mills' Equipment Cleaner," before leaving the Depôt.

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We were very pleased to see Mr. C. F. D. Carr-Ellison on 30th October, from 1st Battalion. He stayed here for one night, proceeding on leave the following day.

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On 1st November, the Depôt was inspected by Lieut.-General Sir Cameron D. Shute, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief Northern Command. A normal programme of training was adhered to. The C.-in-C. also carried out an inspection of the D./D.L.I. and the 21st Field Brigade R.A., on the same day.

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We wish to thank R.S.M. Groves for his kind gift of a Service Webley revolver, a German repeating pistol with ammunition, and a Verey-light pistol, which he has presented to the Depôt Museum, which is in process of being formed.

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On 2nd November, a draft of 29 Other Ranks from the 2nd Battalion arrived at the Depôt for transfer to the Reserve. They stayed at the Barracks overnight, and left us for their respective homes early on the 3rd November.

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On 5th November The Durham Light Infantry held their Inkerman Ball in the Gymnasium (organised by the Private soldiers of the Regiment), and a most enjoyable evening was spent, between 400 and 500 guests being present.

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On 6th November, Inter-Depôt visits between the 5th/68th Regimental Depôts took place. We had much pleasure in entertaining Major McCullough, Commanding the 68th R.D., Captain Hutchinson, and Mr. Brown, who visited the Depôt. They saw our Barrack-rooms, Institutes, and Dining Halls, etc., during their visit.

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On 9th November, the W.O.'s and Serjeants of the 68th R.D. held their annual Inkerman Ball, which was a most successful and very enjoyable dance. Between 250 and 300 guests were present.

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November 11th was the 10th Anniversary of Armistice Day. A special Service was held in the Cathedral at 10.30 a.m., when a party of 50 Other Ranks from the Depôt, under the command of Capt. W. H. Braddel, attended. A wreath was laid on the 5th Fusiliers' Memorial Window by the Officer Commanding the Depôt, Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.

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In the afternoon a composite Guard of Honour, composed of Detachments from the R.N.V.R., Tyne Division (H.M.S. *Helicon*), 21st Field Brigade R.A., Depôt 5th Fusiliers, and Depôt D.L.I., was mounted at the City War Memorial in Eldon Square. The Guard was commanded by Capt. J. H. Hogshaw, M.C., 5th Fusiliers. After being inspected by Admiral W. F. Slayter, C.B., R.N., Prayers were said by the Vicar of Newcastle, the Rev. Bateman-Champain. A Two-minutes' Silence was then observed, after which wreaths were placed on the Memorial by the Lord Mayor (Councillor W. Lambert, M.C.) and other members of the City Corporation. The ceremony concluded with the playing of the National Anthem by the Band of the 5th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers (T.A.), which was in attendance.

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Later the Officers of the Guard of Honour were kindly entertained to tea by the members of the British Legion at their Headquarters in Leazes Park Crescent.

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In the evening a party composed of 10 Other Ranks of the Depôt 5th Fusiliers and 10 Other Ranks of Depôt D.L.I., under Mr. Pringle, took part in a presentation of a religious Masque, organised by the local Branch of the " Toc.-H." at the Empire Theatre. The Masque consisted of four scenes, the first being laid in Early Roman times ; the second in the time of the Crusades ; the third during the Great War, being a trench scene representing an incident in the Ypres Salient (carried out by the Detachment from the 5th/68th R.D.) ; and the fourth being a post-war scene enacted in London. As a whole, the Masque was a most impressive performance. It was presented again on the following Sunday, 18th November, and was very successfully and realistically carried out on both occasions.

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On 12th and 13th November, July Squad (Sjt. Peppiatt) fired their Qualifying Practices in Table " A "—*i.e.* Part III.

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On 14th November, we held our first Rugby football match, against the Depôt D.L.I. Considering that this was our first appearance on the Rugby field for some two or three seasons, the results were quite encouraging. We were finally defeated by 4 tries to nil.

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Team as under :—

Rec. Metherill.

Lieut. Pringle. Fus. J. Sanderson.

Fus. Barnes. Fus. Ellison. Sig. Simpson (R.C. of S.).

Lieut. Holdsworth-Hunt. 2nd-Lieut. Stockley. Fus. Ross.

Fus. Phillips. Fus. Roper. Fus. Crowdy. Fus. Keeble.

Fus. Edmunds. Fus. Fleming.

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On 18th November, Colonel Herbert and Captain Powell

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arrived from the 1st Battalion at York, and stayed with us for three days, returning to York on Wednesday, 21st.

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No. 4263162 Cpl. W. Graham was appointed Paid Lance-Serjeant from 5/10/28, *vice* Lce.-Sjt. Huggan to 1st Battalion.

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No. 4257344 Sjt. T. Hunter re-engaged for the Northumberland Fusiliers at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 25/10/28, to complete 21 years' service with the Colours.

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No. 4257166 Sjt. A. Fitzgerald left us on the 9th November, 1928, on re-posting to the 1st Battalion, on completion of his tour of duty. He has been with us for the past three and a half years, and we wish him and Mrs. Fitzgerald the best of luck with the 1st Battalion.

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We welcome to the Depôt Q.M.S. (O.R.S) F. Willson and Sjt. Cross, who joined us on the 2nd November, 1928, *ex*-H.T. *Neuralia*, on posting to the Depôt for a tour of duty as R.Q.M.S. and Instructor respectively.

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The tour of duty of No. 4256424 Sjt. J. Peppiatt has been extended for one year to 15/12/29.

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EDUCATION CERTIFICATES.

The undermentioned were awarded 3rd Class Certificates of Education at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, dated 12th October, 1928 :—

4266560 Fus. J. Ashbridge	4266564 Fus. J. W. Baker
4266532 Fus. G. Bean	759243 Fus. T. Boyd
4266574 Fus. J. H. Clark	4266597 Fus. R. G. Crowdy
4266550 Fus. G. H. Dawkins	4266563 Fus. J. G. Digney
4266009 Fus. J. Elliott	4266544 Fus. J. Foster
4266585 Fus. L. Greenwell	4266106 Fus. J. Hagan
4266570 Fus. R. Hannant	4266566 Fus. S. Irving
4266546 Fus. G. Maddock	4266556 Fus. J. T. Maughan
4266587 Fus. R. H. Metherell	4266569 Fus. G. W. Morley
4266586 Fus. R. B. McHale	4266573 Fus. J. Ogilvie
4266086 Fus. R. S. Powers	4266561 Fus. J. W. Quinn
4266558 Fus. N. W. Reay	4266565 Fus. J. R. S. Ridley
4266549 Fus. N. J. Smith	4266548 Fus. A. Steele
4266320 Fus. W. Vasey	4445572 Fus. R. Weldon
4266588 Fus. J. L. Wheelhouse	4266579 Fus. M. Worthy
4266562 Fus. G. W. Yelland	

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On Monday, 22nd October, we were paid a visit by Captain H. S. Hobby, M.C., the Officer i/c. Training Company and the Training Cadre, Mr. J. M. Ditmas, with the C.Q.M.S. of the Administrative Department, from the Depôt the East Yorkshire Regiment. They were taken on a complete tour of the Depôt, from the Mobilization Stores to the Miniature Range. They returned to Beverley on the following day.

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On Monday, 12th November, Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., Capt. J. H. Hogshaw, M.C., and C.S.M. Curtis left Newcastle to visit the Depôt The East Yorkshire Regiment at Beverley. Having seen the Depôt at Beverley, they proceeded to York, where they stayed the night of the 13th with the 1st Battalion at Fulford. They proceeded to Richmond the following day to visit the Depôt The Green Howards, returning to Newcastle the same day.

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It is with much regret that we had to say good-bye last month to Major Malcolm, M.B., O.B.E., M.C., of the R.A.M.C., who has been our Medical Officer for the past (?) years. He has left us on being posted to Milbank Hospital, Westminster. Major Malcolm was very popular with all Ranks at the Depôt, and his stories of Aberdeen are greatly missed in the Mess these wintry evenings. We hope, however, that he will find time to visit us when he next comes to the North of England.

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We welcome his successor, Major O'Hanlon, on his arrival at the Depôt.

FOOTBALL.

Tyneside Wednesday Amateur League.

24/10/28. Depôt *v.* Tantobie Wednesday. Home. Won, 3—1 (Fus. Nicholson (2), Lce.-Cpl. Taylor).

Fus. Gofton.
Dmr. McCartney. Sjt. Peppiatt.
Sjt. Bowker. Cpl. Gooding. Lce.-Cpl. Avery.
Cpl. Smart. Fus. Ellison. Lce.-Cpl. Taylor. Fus. McDonald.
Fus. Nicholson.

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31/10/28. Depôt *v.* N. G. T. Consell. Home. Won, 7—0 (Lce.-Cpl. Taylor (5), Lce.-Cpl. Jarmain, Fus. A. E. Nicholson).

Fus. Gofton.
Dmr. McCartney. Dmr. Stockton.
Sjt. Bowker. Sjt. Peppiatt. Lce.-Sjt. Graham.
Cpl. Smart. Fus. Mitchemson. Lce.-Cpl. Taylor.
Cpl. Jarmain. Fus. A. Nicholson.

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7/11/28. Depôt *v.* Stanley Tradesmen. Home. Won, 10—0 (Lce.-Cpl. Taylor (5), Fus. Cuthbert (2), Beveridge, Jarmain and Smart).

Fus. Gofton.
Dmr. McCartney. Dmr. Stockton.
Lce.-Cpl. Avery. Sjt. Peppiatt. Lce.-Sjt. Graham.
Fus. Cuthbert. Cpl. Smart. Lce.-Cpl. Taylor. Cpl. Jarmain.
Fus. Beveridge.

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14/11/28. Depôt *v.* Tantobie Wednesday. Away. Lost, 1—2 (Jarmain).

Fus. Gofton.
Dmr. McCartney. Dmr. Stockton.
Lce.-Cpl. Avery. Sjt. Peppiatt. Lce.-Sjt. Graham.
Fus. Cuthbert. Cpl. Smart. Lce.-Cpl. Taylor. Cpl. Jarmain.
Fus. Beveridge.

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The position of the team in the League Table to date :—

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals. For.	Against.	Points.
9	4	5	0	32	18	8

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Garrison League.

19/11/28. Depôt *v.* Depôt The Durham Light Infantry. Home. Lost, 0—5.

Fus. Sanderson.
Lce.-Cpl. Avery. Dmr. Stockton.
Sjt. Bowker. Sjt. Peppiatt.
Fus. Cuthbert. Cpl. Smart. Lce.-Cpl. Taylor. Fus. McDonald.
Cpl. Jarmain.

BOXING NOTES.

On 20th and 21st November, the Inter-Squad Boxing was held in the Garrison Gymnasium. The fighting was very fair, but was not of such a high standard as that of the previous competition.

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July Squad were again victorious, and so retain the Shield, which was presented to the Squad Commander on the conclusion of the fighting, by Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., Commanding 5th Fusiliers Depôt.

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The semi-final and final results are shown herewith :—

Light-weights.

Fus. Farrow (Aug.)	Lynch	Lynch		
Fus. Lynch (Aug.)				
Fus. Roper (July)	Yelland			
Fus. Yelland (July)				

Feather-weights.

Bigney (Aug.)	Ashbridge	Cook	Cranner	
Fus. Ashbridge (July)				
Fus. Cook (July)	Cook			
Fus. Smith (Aug.)				
Fus. Baker (Aug.)	Baker	Cranner		
Fus. Taylor (Aug.)				
Fus. Maine (Oct.)	Cranner			
Fus. Cranner (July)				

Bantam-weights.

Fus. Shearer (July)	Wright	Wright	
Fus. Wright (July)			
Fus. Richardson (Aug.)	Giles		
Fus. Giles (July)			

Welter-weights.

Fus. Fickling (Oct.)	Fickling	Greenwell	Maughan	
Fus. Edmunds (July)				
Fus. Greenwell (Aug.)	Greenwell			
Fus. Holliday (Aug.)				
Fus. Selby (Oct.)	Irving	Maughan		
Fus. Irving (Aug.)				
Fus. Maughan (July)	Maughan			
Fus. Worthy (Aug.)				

Middle-weights.

Fus. Hannant (Aug.)	Hannant	Fleming	
Fus. Stonham (Oct.)			
Fus. Coleman (Oct.)	Fleming		
Fus. Fleming (Oct.)			

Light Heavy-weights.

Fus. Phillips (Oct.)	Morley	
Fus. Morley (Aug.)		

4th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN,
26th November, 1928.

Miniature Range Competitions, 1928.

THE 4th Battalion Miniature Range Competition was concluded on Tuesday, 20th November, when "X" Company fired at Newburn.

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The shooting of the individual events and the Chipchase Competition was of a fairly high standard, but it was noticeable that far too few recruits were put forward by their Companies to compete. We hope this will be remedied next year.

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In the Landscape Target Competition, with one exception, the indication of the target by the team leader was very poor, and this bad indication was demonstrated in the results obtained in this competition.

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The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and this competition shows far more clearly than any amount of talking, the necessity for accurate description of targets, and clear and concise fire orders.

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Field Firing Cup.

The Field Firing Cup for 1928 goes to "Y" Company, with a winning score of 205. Team leader, Capt. A. B. Hare, M.C.

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		Landscape.	Snapshooting.
1st Pair.	Cpl. Liddell Lce.-Cpl. Forster	25	25
2nd Pair.	C.Q.M.S. Henderson C.S.M. Pears	40	20
3rd Pair.	Sjt. Nixon Sjt. Graham	40	30
4th Pair.	Sjt. Storey Fus. Watson	—	25
		105	100

Total = 205.

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Inter-Company Challenge Bowl.

The Inter-Company Challenge Bowl was won by H.Q. Wing, as winners of the Chipchase Competition :—

	Application.	Snapshooting.	Total.
Capt. Gibson ..	38	10	48
C.S.M. Brown ..	47	15	62
Sjt. Turner	48	40	88
Sjt. Downie	39	30	69
2nd-Lieut. Neville ..	42	15	57
Fus. Mitchinson ..	41	50	91
Bdlsmn. Farrington ..	40	15	55
Bdlsmn. Riches ..	45	35	80
	340	210	550

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The first 20 scores obtained in the Individual competitions

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are shown below, together with the names of prize-winners in the various events :—

INDIVIDUAL.

Ponteland Challenge Cup.

Possible = 100.

1	Sjt. Downie (H.Q. Wing)	78	
2	Cpl. Liddell (" Y " Coy.)	78	
3	C.Q.M.S. Henderson (" Y " Coy.) ..	75	
4	Fus. J. T. Dodds (" Z " Coy.)	75	
5	Sjt. Turner (H.Q. Wing)	69	
6	Bdsmn. Riches (H.Q. Wing)	68	
7	C.Q.M.S. Brown (" W " Coy.)	66	
8	C.S.M. Brown (H.Q. Wing)	64	
9	Cpl. Foster (" X " Coy.)	63	
10	Sjt. Stamp (" X " Coy.)	61	
11	C.S.M. Stuart (" X " Coy.)	60	
12	Sjt. Nixon (" Y " Coy.)	60	
13	Bdsmn. Farrington (H.Q. Wing) ..	58	Recruit.
14	C.S.M. Mitchinson (" W " Coy.) ..	58	
15	Cpl. Rewcastle (" X " Coy.)	57	
16	Cpl. Bradney (" X " Coy.)	56	
17	Fus. Watson (" Y " Coy.)	56	Recruit.
18	Cpl. Forster (" Y " Coy.)	55	
19	Lce.-Cpl. Foster (" Y " Coy.)	55	
20	C.Q.M.S. Jobson (" X " Coy.)	54	
	Fus. Baldwin (H.Q. Wing)	34	Recruit.
	Fus. Anderson (H.Q. Wing)	51	Recruit.

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Prize-winners :—

Ponteland Challenge Cup.

1	Sjt. Downie (H.Q. Wing) ..	Winner of Cup, Bronze Medal and 8/9 cash.
2	Cpl. Liddell (" Y " Coy.) ..	Bronze Medal and 8/9 cash.
3	C.Q.M.S. Henderson (" Y " Coy.)	Bronze Medal and 3/9 cash.
4	Fus. J. T. Dodds ("Z" Coy.)	3/9 cash.
5	Sjt. Turner (H.Q. Wing) ..	2/6 cash.
6	Bdsmn. Riches (H.Q. Wing)	2/6 cash.

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Serjeants' Prizes.

1	Sjt. Downie (H.Q. Wing)	7/6
2	C.Q.M.S. Henderson (" Y " Coy.) ..	5/-

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Corporals' Prizes.

1	Cpl. Liddell (" Y " Coy.)	7/6
2	Cpl. Foster (" X " Coy.)	5/-

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Lance-Corporals' and Fusiliers' Prizes.

1	Fus. J. T. Dodds (" Z " Coy.)	7/6
2	Fus. Riches (H.Q. Wing)	5/-
3	Fus. Farrington (H.Q. Wing)	2/6
4	Fus. Watson	2/6

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Stewart Bronze for Recruits Only.

1	Fus. Farrington (H.Q. Wing)	Stewart Bronze, Bronze Medal and 10/- cash.
2	Fus. Watson (" Y " Coy.) ..	Bronze Medal and 7/6 cash.
3	Fus. Anderson (H.Q. Wing)	Bronze Medal and 5/- cash.
4	Fus. Baldwin (H.Q. Wing)	2/6 cash.

Football.

For the last few years we have entered for the T.A. Football Championship, only to find that we have been drawn to play our first match away and have had to scratch on the score of expense. At last our perseverance has been awarded, and we find ourselves as home team drawn to play the 4th Bn. East Yorkshire Regt. It is hoped to play this match during the first week of December, but as our team cannot play on Saturdays, and the 4th East Yorks cannot play on any other day of the week, we find it a little difficult to come to an agreement as to the date.

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Dances.

Some time ago it was decided to hold Dances at Newburn during the Winter Season. This was an entirely new departure, which was viewed with misgiving by some of our more conservative members. These doubts were, happily, unfounded, and the season was opened on 9th November by an Armistice Ball, which, thanks to the initiative and energy of the Committee, proved an unqualified success. It is hoped to hold a Battalion Ball during the 'Xmas-New Year week.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

NEWBURN,
November.

It is regretted that no notes have appeared in the last two months' issues. There is nothing of importance to report for October except the steady round of toil.

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C.S.M. Blakey attended a course in " minor repairs " at the M.C.S., Woolwich, during October. We hope he enjoyed the course, and that he has derived much benefit from it.

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The Detachment paraded for Church Parade on Armistice Day, after which a Service was held at the Memorial. A wreath from the Mess was placed thereon. The Mess was well represented ; a good number of the members turned out for the parade.

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The R.S.M. is at present on the sick list. We hope he will soon recover and return to the active list.

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Congratulations to Sjt.-Major Clarke and Mrs. Clarke on the birth of a son, and we are very pleased to know that Mrs. Clarke and baby are doing splendidly.

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The N.D.P.O.S.A. Winter games have started, and the results are appended below :—

26/10/29. *v.* S/Sjts. 74th Brigade R.A., at Newburn.

BILLIARDS.

R.S.M. Clarke ..	..	100	F/Sjt. Screaton	..	74
C.Q.M.S. Jobson	..	100	Sjt. Ockleford	..	56
Sjt. McHugh ..	..	100	S.M. Jamieson	..	82
Sjt. Turner ..	..	100	S.M. Purvis ..	..	77
Total	..	400	Total	..	289

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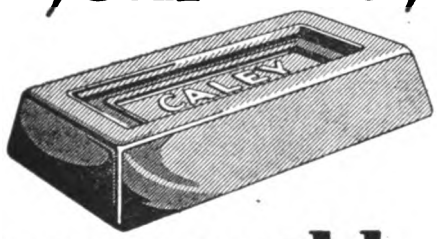

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SHOOTING.

C.S.M. T. Brown	76	B.S.M. Sawyer	77
C/Sjt. Cameron	74	B.S.M. Moralee	77
C.Q.M.S. R. Brown	68	Sjt. Smith	76
Sjt. Kelly	71	Sjt. Sinclair	77
Sjt. Turner	69	Sjt. Munro	75
Total	358	Total	382

WHIST.

C.S.M. Mitchinson C.Q.M.S. Cowans	4	Sjt. Philp Sjt. Gracie	1
Sjt. Simpson Sjt. Delaney	3	Sjt. Dugal Sjt. Watson	2
Total	7	Total	3

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3/11/28. *v.* Tyne E.E., at Newburn.

BILLIARDS.

C.Q.M.S. Jobson	100	Sjt. Broderick	84
Sjt. Turner	100	Sjt. Knight	79
Sjt. McHugh	100	Sjt. Carter	41
Sjt. Freeborn	98	Sjt. Macphee	100
Total	398	Total	304

SHOOTING.

C.S.M. T. Brown	76	Sjt. Forsyth	74
C/Sjt. Cameron	73	C.Q.M.S. Scrafton	71
C.Q.M.S. R. Brown	67	Sjt. Ellis	73
Sjt. Kelly	69	Sjt. Wilkinson	77
Sjt. Turner	72	Sjt. Carter	70
Total	357	Total	365

WHIST.

Sjt. Delaney Sjt. Simpson	4	Sjt. Knight Sjt. Dunn	1
Sjt. Elliott Sjt. Turner	3	Sjt. Robson Sjt. Purtle	2
Total	7	Total	3

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10/11/28. *v.* 72nd Brigade R.A., at Newcastle.

BILLIARDS.

Sjt. Turner	100	Sjt. Roseman	95
Sjt. Freeborn	100	Sjt. Barrett	80
Sjt. McHugh	100	Sjt. Purdy	45
C.S.M. Mitchinson	100	Sjt. Dobbs	68
Total	400	Total	288

WHIST.

C.S.M. Mitchinson C.Q.M.S. Cowans	2	F.S/Sjt. Frazer Sjt. Dobbs	3
Sjt. Delaney C.Q.M.S. R. Brown	2	Sjt. Halliday Sjt. Chatt	3
Total	4	Total	6

14/11/28. *v.* 9th D.L.I., at Newburn.

BILLIARDS.

C.Q.M.S. Jobson	100	Sjt. Sutton	99
Sjt. Turner	100	C.Q.M.S. Ryle	41
Sjt. McHugh	100	Sjt. Bannon	63
Sjt. Freeborn	100	Sjt. Greenwell	84
Total	400	Total	287

SHOOTING.

C.S.M. Brown	76	Sjt. Bannon	73
Sjt. Kelly	76	Sjt. Armstrong	70
Sjt. Turner	75	Sjt. Liddle	72
Sjt. Freeborn	70	C.S.M. Morris	70
C/Sjt. Cameron	69	Sjt. Baggs	77
Total	366	Total	362

WHIST.

C.S.M. Mitchinson C.Q.M.S. Cowans	3	C.Q.M.S. Greenwell Sjt. Armstrong	2
Sjt. Simpson Sjt. Delaney	2	Sjt. Baggs Sjt. Garrity	3
Total	5	Total	5

5th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
27th November, 1928.

LAST month it was mentioned that our activities down at "Walker-by-the-Sea," as one Serjeant facetiously called it on returning from Camp, were at a minimum. This, however, has not lasted for long, and the eternal round has begun again.

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This month has seen a number of events all of which have contributed to arouse us from our autumn lethargy. Uniforms have been hunted out, and orders given for the creases and tears which are a legacy from Marske to receive attention; while it is rumoured that one or two of our more wealthy subalterns (£20,000 Football Competition winners) are to be seen haunting a certain well-known tailoring establishment in Grey Street. The proximity of the 1st Battalion at York is said to have something to do with this great endeavour to be "pukka."

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As Armistice Day fell on Sunday this year, our annual Armistice Church Parade coincided with similar ceremonies throughout the country. H.Q. Wing, "A" and "B" Companies paraded at Walker, while "C" and "D" Companies, from Wallsend, paraded under Captain Herdman and then marched to Walker to join the remainder of the Battalion. The Gosforth Detachment of "D" Company attended the Memorial Service at Eldon Square.

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The Battalion attended the Memorial Service held in the Walker Parish Church, the preacher being the Rev. F. Turton-Dixon, the Vicar of Walker.

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The Battalion then marched to the Walker Park, where a wreath was laid at the foot of the Memorial to the Glorious Dead of our Battalion by the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C. The Last Post was sounded, and the Battalion returned to Headquarters. Later in the day, our Band was in attendance at the Armistice Remembrance Service at Eldon Square. Major B. Peatfield, M.C., the 2nd-in-Command, and several Officers also attended this Service.

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On Saturday afternoon, the 17th instant, Brevet-Colonel Arnold Irwin, D.S.O., T.D., our former Commanding Officer, unveiled the Local War Memorial at Walker. This has been raised by public subscriptions under the arrangements of a local committee composed of ex-Servicemen and others. A wreath from the Commanding Officer and Officers, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Men of the Battalion was placed on the Memorial by the Adjutant, Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C.

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Friday evening, the 16th, saw a night of festivity at Walker, when a Dance was held under the auspices of the "Women's Guild." Owing to the inclement weather, the attendance was not up to expectations, but a very enjoyable evening was spent by those present. The financial side of the undertaking behaved itself in spite of the attentions of Jupiter Pluvius. Here let me say that the "Women's Guild" has been in existence for some years, under the presidency of Mrs. Anderson, wife of our Commanding Officer, with Miss Newstead, Treasurer, assisted by Mrs. Tyrrell, wife of our Regimental Serjeant-Major. The Officers, W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s' wives of the Battalion have met regularly to sew, dress dolls, and further other preparations for our annual 'Xmas Toy Distribution. It is believed that tea, buns, and-er-verbal recollections play a great part in these gatherings, but the work is done just the same, as witness last year's dolls and toys, not to mention the herculean task of the Mess curtains previous. It beats the mere male how the ladies ever managed to hang those curtains.

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The funds have been raised by two Dances already held, and Mrs. Anderson intends to hold a Bridge Party in the Assembly Rooms at Gosforth, on 4th December, which it is hoped will be even a greater success than that of last year. The work of the Guild has not received, perhaps, its share of publicity, but the work proceeds apace and next month it is hoped to record the further fruits of its efforts.

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The local press announce that we proceed to Ripon once again next June.

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The Quartermaster announces that all indents for gum-boots, thigh, are to be sent in by 30th November.

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Our present strength is 17 Officers and 552 Other Ranks.

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Capt. F. Haswell, of the 5th Bn. North'd. Fusiliers T.A. Reserve of Officers has relinquished his Commission on attaining the age limit, and is permitted to retain his rank.

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Christmas draws on, and, as in former years, the kiddies of the Battalion are to have their Santa Claus and 'Xmas Tree at Walker.

Santa, who is very experienced, is very busy rehearsing in case the present generation prove too wily for him.

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The Commanding Officer took advantage of the annual Armistice Day Parade, on Sunday, to present the Territorial Efficiency Medal to No. 4260912 Bdsmn. W. Smith.

6th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
November, 1928.

ARMISTICE DAY Parade this year was marked by a small ceremony of our own. Considering the wet and depressing day, there was an excellent parade of post-war members of the Battalion—which is always a very pleasing feature at an occasion of this kind and shows an appreciation by the present generation for services rendered by their elders. The Officers and Serjeants were well represented, and accompanied by the Band and Drums the Battalion marched to our own Memorial at St. Thomas' Church, where the Two Minutes' Silence was duly observed. Colonel Wilkinson placed a wreath on the Memorial from the present serving Officers and Men.

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There was a large gathering of those associated with us in various ways, and an excellent turn-out of past members of the Battalion who paraded with us. Subsequently Colonel Wilkinson and Captain Bennett attended the Civic gathering at the Eldon Square Memorial. Our Band, under Bandmaster W. A. Crosse, was engaged by the Lord Mayor for the afternoon Parade and Civic Procession.

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Newcastle this year is very fortunate in having an Old Fusilier as its Chief Magistrate. We offer all congratulations to the new Lord Mayor, Capt. A. W. Lambert, M.C., and wish him a happy year of office. We hope his duties will allow him to continue his friendship with the Battalion, and that we shall see him often at our Drill Hall.

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On the 21st October, the Officers competed for the Golf Cup. This year the contest was held at Alnmouth, and our thanks are again expressed to the Committee of that Club for the assistance they gave us. The day unfortunately was wet and cold, and this we think is the only reason why some of the scores were poor. After close examination of the returns by several leading Chartered Accountants, the Commanding Officer was discovered to be the winner. We were glad to see several of the honorary members of the Mess including Lt.-Col. W. Anderson, Major O. C. Blayney, and Capts. Sopwith and F. M. Maclaren. The leading net scores were as follows:—

Lt.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson	78
Capt. T. P. Parmeter	80
W. H. S. Stephenson	82
Capt. C. S. Graham	83
C. B. Gillespie	84

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The annual Musketry Competitions for Officers was varied this year by a match with the Serjeants' Mess, and, as we rather feared, proved an easy victory for the W.O.'s and Serjeants. The competition included not only 4 practices with the rifle, but also machine gun and Lewis gun practices. The

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Officers' Cup was won by Capt. Bennett, who also won the Revolver Competition. We congratulate him on this performance, which undoubtedly is a great effort, as his firing, owing to wounds, is all done from the left shoulder and with the left hand. The complete scores were as follows :—

Officers, 1,137 ; W.O.'s and Serjeants, 1,512.

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Highest Individual Scores.

Capt. T. Bennett, M.C.	186
C.S.M. W. Jordan, M.M.	156
Capt. T. P. Parmeter	136
C.S.M. W. Robinson	133
Lieut. A. Angus	131
R.Q.M.S. J. Boyd	129
Sjt. C. Sargent	125

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Officers' Challenge Bowl.

Capt. T. Bennett, M.C.	87
Lieut. G. L. A. France	81
Lieut. A. Angus .. .. } tie ..	68
Lieut. A. H. M. Field .. }	

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Officers' Revolver Competition.

Capt. T. Bennett, M.C.	19
Major G. F. Bell	14
Lieut. A. H. M. Field	12

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Those of the Officers who were qualified and were available attended the Annual Re-union Dinner of the 149th Infantry Brigade, on the 26th October. Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson presided, and Brig.-General E. P. A. Riddell and several other Officers who served with the Division in France were present. The numbers were rather less than last year, but we hope that on the next occasion more will remember this date (the last Friday in October) and make a point of appearing.

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The Battalion still lingers without the two left-half Company Commanders. So far as one can gather, Captains Dawson and Carrick have had a busy time afloat, and have been trying to take a closer interest in the depressed coal trade by helping with the stoking.

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Capt. N. B. Ramsay, M.C., who was one of our pre-war Officers, was married at St. Martin's-in-the-Field, on the 5th instant, to Mrs. Brembridge (widow of Lt.-Commander Brembridge). We tender all good wishes to Captain and Mrs. Ramsay, and much wish they were making their home a little nearer to us than Ayrshire. Capt. Ramsay was very badly wounded with the Battalion in 1915, being over two years in Hospital. He returned to us for the Defence Force of 1921, and now commands a Squadron of the Ayrshire Yeomanry.

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Many of those who served abroad with the Battalion will be interested to hear that Major J. M. Mackenzie, M.C., R.A.M.C., is home on short leave from India. Major Mackenzie has recently been fortunate in shooting a very fine tiger, and we shall be delighted to hear all about it if he calls at the Mess.

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On Saturday, the 3rd instant, we held our second Annual Boxing Tournament, with the 9th Bn. The Durham Light Infantry. This was staged in our Drill Hall, and was a great success, resulting in a very narrow victory of 2 points for us. The fighting was clean throughout, and all the competitors showed a good sporting spirit. The results were as follows :—

6TH BN. N.F.		9TH BN. D.L.I.
Dmr. Pease	lost to	Pte. J. Rowland.
Fus Harris	lost to	Pte. O'Neill.
Fus. Higgins	beat	Pte. Clasper.
Fus. Bell	beat	Pte. Gray.
Fus. Lonergan	beat	Pte. Tate.
Fus. Fawcett	beat	Pte. Grear.
Fus. Patrick	beat	Pte. McClusky.
Fus. Campbell	beat	Lce.-Cpl. Soutar.
Sjt. Welsh	beat	Pte. O. McEvilly.
Fus. Bone	beat	Pte. Arkle.
Fus. Howett	lost to	Pte. Briggs.
Fus. Mulligan	beat	Pte. Low.
Fus. Armstrong	lost to	Lce.-Cpl. Foster.
Fus. Gullon	lost to	Pte. Barret.
Fus. Richardson	lost to	Pte. Saul.
Fus. Hugh	lost to	Pte. Hanson.

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The Referee, Judges and other Officials who helped to make the Tournament a success, and to whom we tender our best thanks, were :—

Referee—Flight-Lieut. (ret.) H. R. Mechan, Royal Air Force.

Judges—Capt. J. H. Maynard, Depôt 5th Fusiliers ; Lieut. J. H. Brown, Depôt The Durham Light Infantry.

Timekeeper—Capt. C. S. Graham.

M.C.—R.S.M. J. O'Hara.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

26th November, 1928.

OUR chief concern at the moment is our need of men. This month, therefore, we have been planning our Recruiting campaign, and if we fail to reach establishment before next Annual Training we shall presume that recruitable males simply do not exist. We propose adopting all the known devices to make our needs known—posters and handbills, and film slides at the Cinemas, Dances to tempt the Don Juan (and his victims), and food to decoy those with less romantic appetites ; speeches by mandarins of every shade of political colour, and soul-stirring talks on Regimental History by the Adjutant. The walls of our drill halls are to be decorated (?) by graphs showing the progress made in recruiting (if any) in the various areas. The result, we hope, will be such bitter Inter-Company rivalry that very soon the bell will be rung to indicate that we have reached our required 636, but that is a long way from our present strength of 494.

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On Monday, 19th November, we publicly said farewell to C.S.M. Cole, who to-day has joined the 1st Battalion. The Berwick Detachment assembled for the occasion at a Dinner organised by the Company in the Drill Hall at Berwick. The C.O., Adjutant, Second-in-Command, Major Smail, the M.O., and the Company Officers were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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Colonel Robson took this opportunity to announce that he had selected " D " Company to be turned into a M.G. Company

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next year. This is a most popular decision locally, and enthusiastic efforts are now being made to raise the 60 men required to complete this Company.

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On Tuesday, 20th November, a similar function was held in the schoolroom at Chatton for the men drawn from the Chatton-Wooler area. We should have announced last month that Chatton, which has been running most healthily for five years as a Platoon Detachment, has now been officially " recognised " by the War Office. This sounds rather fatuous, but is really a decision of some importance. Chatton lies 15 miles from Alnwick and 16 from Berwick, and there is no rail service and no drill hall. Many of the men bicycle distances up to ten miles from outlying farms to drill in the tiny borrowed schoolroom at Chatton.

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The effect of this W.O. decision is that when we send men to fire on the range at Berwick we shall now be able to say these men moved from Chatton to Berwick—previously, on paper, they have moved from Amble to Alnwick, and that is the sort of complication that puts nice Adjutants into horn-rimmed spectacles and equips them with crow's feet and grey hair.

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The Machine Gun Company spirit has taken root at Chatton too, and we hear of press-gangs scouring the sides of the Cheviot in search of hefty recruits who think they could run up hill carrying a Vickers tripod. We think that success should attend the efforts of the recruiters in this field—an unseen and inweighted Vickers tripod sounds rather attractive.

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C.S.M. Ratliff was warmly welcomed into his Company at the functions referred to above, and we hope he will have a successful tour with this Battalion.

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Detachments at every station in the Battalion area took part in Armistice Day celebrations at local War Memorials. The Band was on parade at Morpeth, and the Drums at Alnwick.

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We regret to report Capt. E. H. Watson on the sick list, and trust that before these notes appear he will be fit and well again.

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The Battalion has produced rather a fruity Regimental 'Xmas Card this year, containing a photo of the excellent Guard of Honour mounted for H.R.H. The Prince of Wales at Berwick, in May of this year. Efforts have been made to bring this to general notice, but any Officer or man serving in the Battalion who desire supplies of these cards, and who may have been overlooked, should apply to his Company H.Q. or direct to the Adjutant.

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Our H.Q. buildings at Alnwick have been re-decorated, and the H.Q. staff now work in more or less hygienic surroundings. The gale last week demolished a fair portion of this newly painted palace, but the unexpired portion looks really smart.

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And, finally, in case this has not been mentioned, we require nearly 200 recruits this winter, and every member of every Detachment in this big Battalion area is exhorted to do his utmost to help us to get them.

149th INFANTRY BRIGADE (T.A.) NOTES.

HEADQUARTERS' 149TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (T.A.),
HUTTON TERRACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

WE do not know if we are creating a precedent by publishing notes under this heading, but we would hasten to say that we do not propose to rush into print on this occasion, but merely wish to state that a Conference was held at the 149th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, on Friday, 16th November. This conference was attended by six Adjutants (1st Battalion, Depôt, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions).

Editorial Notes.

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OXFORD,
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R.Q.M.S. S. Ambury	Col. A. Landen, D.S.O.
Bde.-Gen. G. H. Armstrong, O.B.E.	Mrs. Leech
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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mr. C. F. Baker	Capt. C. R. L. English
Major-General T. D. Pilcher, C.B.	Mrs. Arkwright

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We have received a copy of " The Historical Records of the 9th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers," written by Capt C. H. Cooke, M.C., and edited by Alfred Brewis, Esq. We owe some apology to the Author and Publisher for the time we have allowed to elapse between receiving the book and acknowledging it in these columns. Three months' absence from home is our excuse for this delay, but we feel that, rather than offer excuse for our misdeed we are glorying in its commission, for it has happened upon us to write these few poor lines upon the 10th Armistice Day, and there could be no fitter subject

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for contemplation on that day than the deeds of the 9th Battalion in the Great War.

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The book is the last of a series of four such records to be published by the Council of the Newcastle and Gateshead Incorporated Chamber of Commerce for private distribution. Its author shepherded into print two out of the three other volumes, and this last has benefited greatly by the experience he obtained in compiling the others. It is a simple, well told narrative of a series of epics, as indeed must be any such history. The illustrations are typical and excellent, and we humbly offer our congratulations to Capt. Cooke on the laurels he has earned by his labour of love, and to those who assisted him in it. We are diffident about congratulating so august a body as the Incorporated Chamber of Commerce, but we wholeheartedly do admire the generosity they have evinced in financing the publication and issue of a copy to all who took their share of the war under the Corporation's care.

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By the death of Mrs. Harkness, a notice of which appears elsewhere in this issue, we regret to have to record the loss of what we believe we may call the original link in the history of the *St. George's Gazette*. It was in her drawing-room, nearly 47 years ago, that the suggestion of a Regimental Magazine was first made. Swift action followed the suggestion, and the resultant publication has appeared monthly ever since. Mrs. Harkness has never ceased, till the day of her death, in her 90th year, to take the keenest interest in the *Gazette*. We shall miss the knowledge of that interest, but we shall treasure it as a memory. To her children we offer our sincere sympathy in their loss.

Letter to the Editor.

VERNON HOUSE,
PARK PLACE,
ST. JAMES'S STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

26th November, 1928.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

At the suggestion of Col. H. G. Reid, who is the War Office representative of the Over-Seas League Migration Committee, I am enclosing copy of a letter received from a retired Colonel, who went out to British Columbia under our auspices.

Colonel Reid suggested that you might see your way to publish this in your Journal. We should be grateful if you will do this.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. LISLE CARR, *Assist. Sec.*,
Migration Bureau, Over-Seas League.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

(Copy of letter received from a Colonel who recently went out to B.C. under the auspices of the Over-Seas League Migration Bureau. All Officers interested may obtain full information regarding the prospects overseas by communicating with this Bureau at 4, Park Place, St. James's Street, London, S.W. 1.)

"I thought you might like to hear my impressions of this country after my first month out here.

"You may remember that when you first suggested emigration I said the one country I 'barred' was Canada! But this part of B.C. is much more like the U.K. than Canada. The scenery strongly resembles that of the West Coast of Scotland, though on a much larger scale. Round here almost everyone is a settler—not born out here—and with similar ideas and feeling to people at home.

"Especially in this neighbourhood a large number are ex-public school men and very anxious to get similar neighbours, and keen to help one to do the best for oneself; show one what places are for sale; advise on suitability and value and see that one gets a good knowledge of the various localities, their advantages, etc., before finally deciding on a place.

"The trouble seems to be that people rush to the Real Estate Agents in the big towns and on the coast, who have their own interests to study and are anxious to get their properties sold without delay. Here I am advised to wait, say six months or so, before I settle on a place, and meantime to see all available places and have their advantage and disadvantages pointed out to me by people acting for your Committee, who know them and who are anxious to see settlers placed to the best advantage.

"I am very glad I came here. It is a place where people with a very moderate income and fond of country life may live in peace on their own small property, and find interest in fishing or boating, a little shooting, a small amount of farming, fruit-growing, etc., and the general upkeep and improvement of their places. I said a 'small' amount of farming, etc., as in my own case I propose to start with a small cherry orchard, poultry, and probably a pair of martens, and later on, as I learn more about fur-farming, I may embark on fox-farming on a large scale.

"Fresh settlers after the war went to Vancouver and other places more generally boomed. Consequently there are many good properties round here waiting for fresh owners at very moderate prices, and, to my mind, now is the time for the right kind of people to come out and work up ranches (rather a misnomer, as the usual ranch here consists of 5–20 acres of cleared and planted land, with say 30–70 acres of hill and timber land), before the new road opens up the country and puts up land values. Houses are all of wood and can be very easily altered, enlarged or adapted.

"At present motors are used by a few, the smaller American cars being more suitable for the narrow and sometimes difficult existing roads. To my mind, a launch or boat with an outboard engine appears of more general use, though when the new road comes along motors of all kinds will be more useful and desirable.

"Everybody knows everybody else here, and there is a general feeling of peace and goodwill. The air is beautifully fresh and exhilarating, and at present we are having bright, clear, sunny days, with a little frost at night—far preferable to the English climate this time of the year. Everything seems clean, there is very little dust to make things dirty. Very primitive clothing only is necessary. I feel very over-dressed in plus-fours, flannel shirt and tie! The oldest clothes, overalls, and open shirts are fashionable, and I am informed I shall fall into this custom before long.

"My wife tells me that butter, eggs and milk are very plentiful, and if anything a little cheaper than in England. The milk is the best she has ever bought. Sea-fish, in spite of the journey from the coast, is cheaper than in England. Meat is brought round locally once a week, and is cheaper than in England.

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Flour and groceries are a little dearer; one bakes one's own bread, though the local vendor of meat can supply bread once a week also. We have been so generously presented with fruit and vegetables, that we have had to purchase very little and that little ridiculously cheaply.

" I must say, I consider this is an ideal place for ex-Officers with country tastes to settle, and only wish I had come out here several years ago, instead of first trying my hand at farming in England. "

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

Sixth Re-union Dinner.

POSSIBLY very few of the 65 members and friends of the Old Comrades' Association who sat down to the first Re-union Dinner, on Armistice Night, 1923, could have visualised that we should have to change our venue on three occasions to cope with the ever-increasing numbers who desire to re-unite with old friends at this annual function.

Such, however, was the case again this year, when some 230 members and guests attended the Sixth Annual Re-union Dinner, on Armistice Eve, Saturday, 10th November.

Surely this is a most gratifying attendance, and is all the more remarkable when it is remembered that the Regiment's home county is the most northerly in England.

What, however, is the reason which prompts such a great Re-union? Does it not show very forcibly that the splendid spirit installed in all Ranks of the Regiment we all love still abides in us, and binds us, as it did when we served in the Ranks?

As the " Old and Bold " had the record number of 52 Battalions during the war, and the O.C.A. is open to all Ranks who have served in the Regiment at any time, we hope that next year's attendance will be greater still.

The venue selected for this year was the Royal Hotel, Southampton Row, W.C., one of London's palatial new hotels, and which proved a fitting rendezvous. The banquet-hall is a noble apartment, panelled in oak and beautifully lighted.

Prior to the Dinner the members were assembled in the reception room to welcome the Patron of the Association, Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel of the Regiment, who occupied the chair during dinner. Unfortunately we were denied the privilege of also welcoming Lady Wilkinson, who had been called to Scotland through the illness of a relative.

Adjourning to the banquetting-hall, the most poignant duty of the evening was " A Silent Tribute " to the memory of those of the FIFTH who had fallen in action, which was fittingly honoured by all present standing in solemn silence for some moments.

The dinner, of course, was excellently cooked, and a very efficient service added to the diners' enjoyment. The table decorations consisted of exquisite bronze and mauve chrysanthemums, whilst sprays of Flanders Poppies were laid on the tables. The usual flags were again in evidence for decorative purposes—the Union Jack and the St. George's Flag, kindly lent by the Royal Society of St. George; whilst behind the Chairman was hung the Association's " own Colour." This Colour is the new pattern Regimental St. George's Flag, embossed at the junction of the Cross by the emblem of the Patron Saint on a circular background of gosling green, and kindly presented to us by Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 1st Battalion at York.

We hope to obtain a suitable staff and carrier for " Our Colour," which will then be carried on our St. George's Day Parades to the Cenotaph, and on other occasions as they arise.

If any kind friend would like to present us with a staff and carrier it would be highly appreciated.

After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, the most interesting toast of the evening, " The Regiment," was proposed by Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O. Needless to say, the response was by " Our Colonel "—Major-General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.

In his speech, the General, who is a living encyclopædia of Regimental History, gave us a resumé of his recent visits to the Depôt and the 1st Battalion, and also to our Cadet Battalion, and made us all feel proud of the fact that the fine traditions and the *esprit-de-corps* of the FIFTH is being maintained at home and abroad as we would wish that it should be. Sir Percival informed us that the Regiment had now affiliated to them the " Northumberland Regiment " of Canada.

The London Old Comrades of the FIFTH desire to take this opportunity of extending the hand of friendship to our new comrades " across the sea," and trust that the affiliation may be to our mutual and everlasting satisfaction, and that the bonds of loyalty and comradeship which now unite us may grow stronger and stronger!

The General also informed us that the formation of a Newcastle Branch of an Old Comrades' Association was now an accomplished fact. We take this opportunity, therefore, of offering the " Novocastrians " our heartiest congratulations, and can assure them that if the London Association can be of any assistance, our six years' experience is at their service. We trust that the two Branches may soon have a chance of meeting.

On resuming his seat, " Our Colonel " was greeted by the whole company, led by R.S.M. Ahronson, singing " For he's a jolly good fellow," followed by three rousing cheers.

Lt.-Col. G. L. F. Leverson, D.S.O., in a neat little speech, then supported the response.

The next toast of the evening was " The Association," proposed by Capt. F. Treanor, responded to by the Association's President, Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, supported by the Secretary, Mr. H. I. Morgan.

The able Secretary spoke of the early days of the Association, and how it had grown since its first inception in 1923, when 17 ex-Fusiliers—Officers and Other Ranks—met in the Commissionaire Corps building, in the Strand, and decided to form an Association; how the movement had grown till we now numbered 77 Officers, 178 Other Ranks, 106 Ladies, and 12 Honorary Members.

The Honorary Members are chiefly those who were born in the Regiment, or were otherwise connected with the FIFTH, who are not ordinarily eligible for full membership.

Mr. Morgan also touched on the question of unemployment amongst the members, and it is gratifying to learn that several members had been found jobs through the medium of the Association, whilst other members had been assisted in various ways.

Col. J. C. Somerville, C.M.G., D.S.O., next proposed the toast " Our Guests," which was very wittily responded to by a very witty Officer in the person of Lieut. Whitty, who kept the whole company greatly amused by his yarns of North Country wit and humour.

During the interval between toasts, opportunity was taken to renew old acquaintances and old memories.

Amongst the Officers and their wives supporting the Chairman, Major-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., were the

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following :—Brig.-Gen. B. T. Buckley, C.B., C.M.G., and Mrs. Buckley ; Brig.-Gen. E. Morton, C.B.E. ; Col. E. W. Dashwood, C.B.E., and Mrs. Dashwood ; Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O. ; Col. D. Sapte, Hon. Treasurer, O.C.A. ; Col. E. Gordon, C.B., D.S.O., and Mrs. Gordon ; Col. and Mrs. W. Gibson ; Col. F. C. Turner, C.M.G. ; Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., and Mrs. Cruddas ; Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes (President O.C.A.) and Mrs. C. P. Hawkes ; Lt.-Col. A. Landen, D.S.O., D.C.M., and Mrs. Landen ; Lt.-Col. G. L. F. Leverson, D.S.O. ; Major W. M. Allan, O.B.E., Mrs. Allen, and the Misses Allan ; Major S. S. Flower, O.B.E., and Mrs. Flower ; Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C. ; Major Lord Redesdale and Lady Redesdale ; Major G. G. Shiel, M.C. ; Capts. A. B. Surtees, J. Laing, D. S. Prosser, J. T. Rowland and F. Treanor ; Lieuts. H. A. Wilkinson and A. Bell.

We were very pleased to be able to welcome Mr. Fishbourne (son of the late Lt.-Col. C. E. Fishbourne), who was present with his mother, Mrs. Shakerley.

Conspicuous amongst "Other Ranks" who attended, we noticed :—Pioneer-Sjt. "Chips" Harvey and Bandsman Walters, both old Chelsea veterans, who can date their service with the FIFTH from 1866 and 1882 respectively ; R.S.M. S. McClements, who took the Queen's shilling in 1867 ; R.S.M. Thorpe, now of His Majesty's Bodyguard ; Sjt. S. Seed, now Inspector, Surrey Constabulary ; O.R.Q.M.S. P. Gale, recently discharged to pension from 1st Battalion ; Sjt.-Master-Tailor and Mrs. Maunders, Provost-Sjt. "Tinker" Pearce, Sjt. Pitchforth, C.S.M. J. Arnold, Sjt. "Teddy" Raymond, R.S.M. J. Comerford, R.S.M. and Mrs. J. Fraser, C.S.M. and Mrs. Pat Feeney, C.S.M. J. Jeffs, R.S.M. and Mrs. J. Challons, R.S.M. and Mrs. R. Ahronson, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton and party, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Capper, Mr. and Mrs. R. Baxter, Mr. and Miss Burdett and party, Mr. H. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders and party, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton and party, Mrs. Broad, Mr. and Mrs. Crouch, Mr. A. Redhead, Mr. King, Mr. J. Famer, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Western and friend, Mr. and Mrs. Cook and Mr. Cook, Jnr., Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. Canning, Mrs. and Miss Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Purvis, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Middleton, Jnr., Mr. and Mrs. Chickelday, Mr. Daley, Mr. Mayden, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Pearling, Mr. and Mrs. Parfitt and party, Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner and party, Mr. Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. and Miss Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Marner and party, Mr. Edler, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, Mr. Manley, Mr. and Mrs. Poynter, Mr. F. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Pullinger and party, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, Mr. Parmenter, Mr. W. Bowles, Mr. W. Hall, Mr. W. Storey, Mr. Lansdell, Mr. W. Meggs, Mr. C. Dann, Mr. W. Wheller, Mr. A. G. Beckford, Mr. Stephens, Mr. W. Heasman, Mr. H. Croft, Mr. E. Knowles, Mr. T. C. Duffield, Mr. W. Walton, Mr. F. Manyon, Mr. W. Capon, Mr. J. B. Curten, Mr. W. Coote, Mr. E. Hickman, Mr. T. Barnshaw, Mr. E. Poultney, Mr. W. Stanner and Mr. W. Ball.

Letters of regret were received from Brig.-Gen. Armstrong, Brig.-Gen. Yatman, Col. E. Enderby, Col. Hardman-Jones, Col. Archer, Major Freeman, Capt. Fenwicke and Prebendary L. T. Percival and Major St. John.

We were very gratified to receive, during the evening, telegrams of greeting and good wishes from "All Ranks, Regimental Depôt," "All Ranks, 1st Battalion," and "Old Comrades, Newcastle."

The Committee who were responsible for the whole of the arrangements which contributed to the undoubted success of the evening was composed as follows :—Sjt. P. Maydon (*chairman*), Lieut. W. H. Matthews, R.S.M. G. Redhead, C.S.M. J. A. Jeffs, R.S.M. R. Ahronson, Major W. M. Allan, O.B.E. (*Treasurer*), Sjt. H. I. Morgan (*Secretary*).

In the unavoidable absence through illness of R.S.M. G. Redhead, the duties of Toast Master were undertaken by R.S.M. R. Ahronson, who "passed out" in these exacting duties at Buckingham Palace.

Newcastle-on-Tyne Branch.

FIRST MEETING.

Thanks to the energies of Mr. C. M. Robinson, a Re-union of Old Comrades of the Northumberland Fusiliers was held, in the Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead, at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, 10th October. A more suitable day could hardly have been chosen, as it was the evening of the day on which their Majesties the King and Queen visited Newcastle for the purpose of opening the New Tyne Bridge. Mr. Kennett took the Chair. About sixty persons were present, but these included serving members of the Territorial Army and ex-members of Service Battalions. Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. (Commanding Depôt), Lieut. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt (Adjutant, Depôt), and Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Wardle (Depôt) also attended.

The health of "The Officers of the Depôt" was proposed by Mr. Robinson ; and the health of "The Officers of the 1st and 2nd Battalions" was proposed by the Chairman. Major Chenevix-Trench replied to both these toasts. He stated that he would be only too pleased to do all in his power to assist in the formation of a local Branch of the Old Comrades' Association. During the evening numerous artistes entertained the company, and light refreshments were served. Mr. Robinson is to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements made.

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SECOND MEETING.

A General Meeting was held in the Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead, on 24th October. There were 38 persons present. Mr. C. Mercer took the Chair.

The object of this meeting was to discuss the formation of a local Branch of the Old Comrades' Association. The following is a summary of the minutes of the meeting :—

1. It was agreed that owing to the difficulties of finding adequate accommodation, membership should for the present be limited to all Ranks who had served in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Regular Battalions of the Regiment.
2. It was agreed that the Colonel of the Regiment be asked to become President of the Association.
3. The following Officials were elected :—
   Hon. Treasurer—O.C. Depôt (Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench).
   Hon. Secretary—Mr. C. M. Robinson.
   Chairman—Mr. C. Mercer.
   Executive Committee—Messrs. Eltringham, Fisk, Bennett, Keen, Pickering, Mower and Bone.
4. It was agreed that the annual subscription for membership shall be 5/–, to be paid to the Hon. Secretary, as and when convenient to members.
5. The Rules of the Association to be the same as the London Branch (subject, of course, to modification where necessary).
6. It was decided that the first function of the Association should take the form of a Parade on Armistice Day.
7. It was agreed that all Ranks at present serving be admitted as honorary members, subject to the Rules of the Association yet to be drafted and adopted.

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THIRD MEETING.

A General Meeting was held in the Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead, at 7.30 p.m., on Friday, 9th instant. There were 38 persons present. The Chair was taken by the Chairman of the Association, Mr. C. Mercer.

The Adjutant of the Depôt (Lieut. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt), in opening the meeting, announced that the Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., had consented to become President of the Association, and that the President of the Association wished the following matters to receive the attention of the Committee :—

(1) A meeting place to be arranged in the County of Northumberland.
(2) That "All Ranks" who had served in the Regular Battalions of the Regiment were eligible as members, but that irrespective of Rank all would be "Comrades."
(3) That serving members of the Regiment could not become members, but might become honorary members of the Association.
(4) That the Association would be well advised to adopt the Rules of the London Area Association, these Rules to be modified as necessary.

The speaker also announced that the O.C. 6th Bn. The Northumberland Fusiliers, T.A., had kindly consented to the Association's request to use St. George's Drill Hall for meetings, etc., and that Colonel Wilkinson would do all in his power to help the Association.

The following is a summary of the minutes of the meeting :—

1. It was agreed that the Hon. Secretary be instructed to convey the thanks and appreciation of the Association to General Wilkinson and Colonel Wilkinson respectively.
2. The accounts were read and passed. Balance at Bank, £21 16s. ; Cash in hand, £2.
3. It was agreed that the Association's Financial Year should end on St. George's Day.
4. It was unanimously agreed that a telegram be sent on the occasion of the London Branch of the Association's Annual Dinner.
5. The necessary arrangements for the Association's Parade on Armistice Day were made.
6. It was agreed that the Association should be known as "The Northumberland Fusiliers' Old Comrades' Association, Newcastle-upon-Tyne," and that the word "Branch" hitherto used should be dropped.

Q.M.S. Wardle announced that 90 Officers and 300 Other Ranks had been circularised, but that as the Depôt only had records covering the period of the last ten years there must still be many ex-members of the Regiment residing locally who still knew nothing about the formation of the Association.

He hoped therefore that all members present would bring it to the notice of their friends.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman endorsed Q.M.S. Wardle's remarks, and said that he hoped everyone would do their best to ensure that there would be a good "turn-out" for the first function of the Association—*e.g.*, the Armistice Day Parade.

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ARMISTICE DAY PARADE.

Forty-eight members of the Association paraded at the Depôt on the morning of Armistice Day. The Parade was under the charge of Mr. Mercer (Chairman). The turn-out was excellent, and medals were much in evidence. The party marched to the St. Nicholas' Cathedral, to attend the Armistice Day Service. A wreath was laid by Mr. Mower on the 1st and 2nd Battalions' Memorial Window.

At the conclusion of the Service the party formed part of the Lord Mayor's Procession to the City Memorial in Eldon Square, where a wreath was laid by Mr. Robinson (Hon. Secretary). By the time the Parade was dismissed the ranks of the party had grown to nearly a hundred. It was unfortunate that the Parade was held, of necessity, at such an early hour, as trams and buses were not then running, which prevented members from attending. Several members came from as far afield as Blyth, Consett and Sunderland, and the enthusiasm of members may be gauged by the fact that several stayed in the town overnight in order to be present.

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THE FUTURE.

The next General Meeting will be held in St. George's Drill Hall, St. Mary's Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (near Barras Bridge), at 7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, 5th December. It is very much hoped that this meeting will be well attended by both members and prospective members, as the Committee intend placing the proposed Rules of the Association before the meeting for approval. At the conclusion of the business part of the meeting a Smoking Concert will be held, the artistes being members of the Association.

The Honorary Secretary will gladly furnish all information to any persons interested in the movement. Enquiries should be addressed to

C. M. Robinson,
14, Airey Terrace,
Gateshead-on-Tyne.

To date 68 persons have signified their intention of becoming members of the Association.

A list of donations received is appended. The Hon. Treasurer has acknowledged each donation, but the Committee on behalf of the Association wish to express their sincere appreciation of these timely gifts, which will do much to put the Association on a firm footing in its early stages :—

	£	s.	d.
O.C. 1st Battalion	5	0	0
Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O. ..	5	0	0
Major C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C. ..	5	0	0
Col. F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G.	3	3	0
Col. D. Sapte	2	10	0
O.C. Regimental Depôt	2	0	0
Col. E. B. Gordon, C.M.G., D.S.O. ..	1	1	0
Major K. G. Williams, O.B.E.	1	1	0
Major Buchanan	1	1	0
Brig.-Gen. Carter, C.B.	1	0	0
Capt M. L. Sant	1	0	0
Major C. E. Thornton, O.B.E.	1	0	0
Colonel G. R. F. Leverson, D.S.O. ..	1	0	0
A/C.S.M. Locke	0	5	0

BRITISH EMPIRE ORDER MEDAL.

Awards to Soldiers and Nurses.

WAR OFFICE,
13th November, 1928.

IT is announced in Army Orders that the Medal of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire *for gallantry* may be awarded to an Officer or soldier, or a member of the Military Nursing Service who performed an act of gallantry whilst engaged in military duty during a campaign (but not

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in action), or in peace time. It is also announced that the Medal of the military division of the Order of the British Empire for *meritorious service* may be awarded to a non-commissioned Officer or soldier below the rank of Warrant Officer, recommended in peace or war, for specially distinguished or meritorious service of a high standard. The faithful or zealous performance of ordinary duty will not be sufficient in itself. There must be either (a) special services of a high degree of merit, such as discharge of special duties superior to the person's ordinary work; or (b) highly meritorious performance of ordinary duties where those have entailed work of a dangerous or specially trying character.

ARMY OFFICERS' UNIVERSITY COURSES.

WAR OFFICE,
15th November, 1928.

AN Army Order states that Officers holding permanent commissions in the Regular Army may apply through the usual channels to the War Office for leave to be seconded in order to take a full course of study at a University either in the Empire or in an Allied Country. Officers must be prepared to give a guarantee that they will continue to serve for at least three years after the completion of the course. They will also be required to read for an honours degree. Officers are at liberty to choose their own course of study, but are advised to consult the University authorities on this head.

Applications should reach the War Office not later than 30th June of each year for the academic course beginning in October. Officers while seconded will receive no pay or allowances from Army Funds, but they will maintain their relative position in their Regiments.

These conditions will remain in force until September, 1931, when the whole position will be reconsidered.

EXTRACTS FROM "THE WART'S BOOK OF NURSERY RHYMES."

Very carefully Edited by B.D.

II.

THE first excerpt this month comes from the pen of Stewart, who was evidently suffering from one of the minor discomforts of the climate :—

"AGRA TURF NEWS.
"Latest scratchings . . . Prickly heat."

This requires no commentary, but if one were needed, it is closely followed by "Mephistopheles' Song," by Carter, of which I give a verse :—

"When lately I visited Agra
I was seen by a Medical Board.
For change and fresh air and comforting care
They despatched me at once to the Fort.
I'm accustomed to brimstone and sulphur,
And to heat, as you very well know;
But I'll wager my very last anna
That it's ten per cent. cooler below!
I'm the devil himself, khabadar!"

In a further effusion from the same poet, Mephistopheles is made to say :—

"Oh! wouldn't I just like to catch
The rogue who's gone and been
And dressed our draft in facings white
Instead of gosling green."

It took a considerable number of years before "the rogue's" handiwork was undone, and the old colour came back to the facings.

Lambton's epicurean tastes appear in the following exasperated stanza :—

"Oh! ye gods and little fishes,
Still the same accursed dishes!
Your muttony chop and beefy steak
Would of saint blasphemer make."

The Fort khansamah must have had an anxious time during his tour of duty.

An ode in more sober vein follows, entitled :—

"*In Memoriam. June 30th*, 1882.
"PHIL, THE FUSILIER.

"With apologies to the Author of 'The British Grenadiers'—not for the theme, but for the verse.

"Some talk of Garnet Wolseley, and some dilate on Bobs,
And *many* rave *at* Childers, and suchlike mighty nobs;
But of all these modern heroes there's none that can compare
With our own Philip FitzRoy, the British Fusilier.

. . . .

"So let us fill a bumper, drink the health of him
Who all these years has striven the Corps a name to win.
Should he return from England to us in India here,
There'll always be a welcome for Phil the Fusilier."

This was evidently written when the great "Phil FitzRoy," most famous of all C.O.'s of the FIFTH since Ridge, was leaving India to join the 1st Battalion, which he subsequently commanded, at home. Hore was the poet. The then C.O. of the 2nd Battalion, Colonel Rowland, is described as follows by Etheridge :—

"Ah! whiskered is his bronzéd cheek,
And stern his aspect grim;
Those piercing eyes do make the meek
Subalterns feared of him.
How truly awful is his voice!
How fierce his frown infernal!
In Ord'ly Room, had I my choice,
I'd never rile the Colonel!"

There follow two poems descriptive of a Gymkhana, from which, for the sake of two of the survivors mentioned in it, I give excerpts :—

"There were Joe, Sardine, and Marky too,
Arrayed in colours of wondrous hue,
And tats in dozens, expected to do
Great wonders in the Gymkhana.

. . . .

"Great God! What do I see and hear?
The Sardine looking heated!
The Faery Queen has lost the race,
Though he on her was seated!
The Sardine's mind is filled with fear
To see she's not prevailing;
In spite of leg and whip and spur,
Her effort's unavailing!"

The next few poems hardly lend themselves to quotation, though one, by Stewart, begins in promising fashion, but peters out in the middle of the second stanza. Here is the first :—

"Tell me not in mournful numbers,
Soldiering's an empty dream;
That the sentry's wrong who slumbers,
That his rifle's seldom clean."

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There is a certain amount of cut-and-thrust recrimination following on some verses, of which one is :—

" The clock has struck the hour of one,
And all his work he thought he'd done ;
So into bed he quickly got,
And all about his guard forgot."

The indignant subject of these lines ends his rejoinder with a " P.S.," as follows :—

" I feel ashamed to think that you ,
Small as you are, and so young too,
Should lower yourself to what's untrue
For the sake of rhyming a line or two."

Let us hope that this relieved his injured feelings satisfactorily.

My final excerpt for this month is a parody by Etheridge on " The Walrus and the Carpenter," dealing with an episode in the life of a distinguished General Officer of the FIFTH in his salad, subaltern days, which may thereby be recalled to his memory. It is headed :—

" HOW THE NEW STEEPLE COURSE WAS MADE AT AGRA.

I.

" The Sardine and his Moti Singh
Were walking hand in hand,
And talking all about the course,
And what the funds could stand.
' If we but had a steeple chase,
Oh! wouldn't it be grand !

II.

" ' If forty coolies were well thrashed,
And made to work through fear,
Do you suppose, my Lion's son,
It would be very dear ? '
' Hum Ko malum né,' said he,
And shed a bitter tear.

III.

" Oh! Coolies, come and talk with us,'
The cunning Moti said ;
' Here's work enough for everyone,
And all will get well paid—
Surely a steeple chasing course
Can easily be made.'

IV.

" The eldest coolie looked at him,
But never a word he said ;
The cunning Hindoo winked his eye
And shook his ugly head,
Meaning to say he did not choose
A goose chase to be led.

V.

' But four young coolies hurried up,
All eager for the job,
And thinking that perhaps by chance
The fishy one they'd rob.
But Sardine was a wily cuss,
He only scratched his nob.

VI.

" And other coolies followed them,
From far and wide they flew ;
And thick and fast they came at last,
This reeking, dirty crew,
Not dreaming of the wickedness
That in his bosom grew.

VII.

" The course was made! the work was done!!
The latter rather slow,
So Moti mustered them next day
Round Sardine's bungalow,
And there they waited to be paid,
All squatting in a row.

VIII.

" ' The time has come,' the Sardine said,
To talk of many things—
Of tats, of Hayes !, of gymkhanas,
Of saddlery and kings,
And whether Hindoos love pork pies,
And whether " cats " have stings.'

IX.

" But wait a bit," the coolies said,
Turning a little blue ;
' Let's talk about our tullup, Sahib,
That's what *we've* come to do!'
The Sardine took no notice, but
Ordered a stick or two.

X.

" ' Elephant's dung,' the Sardine said,
' Is what we chiefly need,
And then perhaps a plough or two
'd be very good indeed ;
Unless I have all this I fear
You never will get feed.'

XI.

" ' It was so kind of you to work,
You've done the job right well ;
Unless you get that dung, I fear
Your pay will prove a sell.
Now, Moti, send them all away,
Tell 'em to go to hell!"

XII.

" ' It is a shame,' the coolies said,
To play us such a trick ;
For we've been working very hard,
And working very quick.'
The Sardine answered naught, but said
' Bring us another stick!'

XIII.

' I feel for you,' then Moti said,
' I deeply sympathize.'
With ruthless force he seized upon
Those of the *smallest* size!
And then commenced to flog them well,
While laughing at their cries!

XIV.

" ' Oh! coolies, dear,' the Sardine said,
' Oh! isn't this grand fun ;
I laugh to think how very brown
You niggers have been done.
To see our next Gymkhana, p'raps,
You *all* would like to come! ' "

Possibly, in the next number of *St. George's Gazette*, the distinguished General Officer would kindly explain the allusion to " Hayes," with a mark of exclamation after him—the only obscure point in this very graphic epic.

B.D.

(To be concluded.)

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BIRTH.

ANNISON.—At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 14th November, 1928, to the wife of Sjt. Annison, Depôt The Fifth Fusiliers—a son, William Davison.

MARRIAGE.

WILLSON—STODDART.—At Gateshead, on 14th November, 1928, Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) F. C. C. Willson to Elizabeth Arbuthnett Hunter Stoddart.

DEATH.

PILCHER.—On Friday, 14th December, 1928, of pneumonia, at 42, Half Moon Street, W., Major-General Thomas David Pilcher, C.B., aged 70.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Lieut. J. A. C. Kingstone is placed on the half-pay list on account of ill-health (dated 26th November).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

5th Bn.—Second-Lieut. N. R. Giles to be Lieutenant (dated 9th November).
5th Bn.—E. F. B. Middleton to be Second-Lieutenant (dated 28th October).

RETROSPECT, 1928.

By Capt. G. J. W. Gatehouse.

THERE is something particularly sad about retrospection, whether it be that of a Nation, an Individual, or a Regiment.

In the light of after events, the Past often reveals the " what might have beens " ; lays bare the weaknesses of human nature, its strivings, its successes—and its failures. Retrospection reminds us of those friends who have finished their earthly labours and have departed. Sorrow and joy are intermingled with our thoughts of the Past. Ambitions have been realised or have died ; resolutions made, or broken. But Life goes on relentlessly, carrying with it those Nations, Individuals and Regiments that have, so far, survived its stresses. Yes, it is sad to look back, but how can one look forward with enhanced knowledge unless one has looked back—marked and noted the Past, what the successes, what the failures ? Like all other forms of Life, the life of a Regiment continues : there may be changes in its constituents, its organisations, its history, but its life continues.

Like a child, it develops and changes its character according to its traditions, its training, its upbringings, its environment, and according to these factors, as it develops, so does it make its history. But whereas a child grows old and dies, a Regiment grows old only in its history. How much more then does it depend on its Past? Hence we, who form its present life-blood, are in a peculiarly responsible position. We are responsible for upholding its great traditions, enhancing them if possible, and preparing it for its next generation of life. We must look back, and in spite of what the Past reveals, probe, sort out and analyse, and then, faced with most of the facts, decide : " Are we of the present generation worthy of our trust ? " A Retrospect of the past year will to some extent expose some of these facts ; they will not show whether the seeds sown this year are good or bad, they *may* show whether seeds sown in previous years were good seeds, or not.

Before proceeding to write a resumé of the year's activities it behoves us to mention the great anxiety which at the moment we all are feeling, and which has hung over our heads like a pall for the past month, due to the grave illness that has stricken our beloved King. God save the King! So we all pray, and never before perhaps have we spoken the words feeling, as we must do, that we are indeed uttering a prayer.

The History of the Regiment in 1928 seems, to the writer, to reveal four prominent factors likely to influence the Future :—

Firstly, the greatly increased numbers of the Old Comrades' Association. This Association forms a part of the Regiment, which will keep the Spirit of the Past burning brightly, helping us in the Present to prepare for the Future. The effect of this spirit brought amongst civilians by Old Fusiliers is of no small weight, from Imperial, Regimental and Recruiting points of view.

Secondly, the Alliance of the Regiment with the Northumberland Regiment of Canada. This alliance of a Unit of the Mother Country with a Unit of one of her Sons should greatly help to forge a link in an unbreakable chain—a chain that may well be hard tested in the Future.

Thirdly, the change in the organisation of a Battalion to a three Rifle Company and one Machine Gun Company basis, the Territorial Battalions to follow suit in 1930. This change may or may not eventually develop into complete mechanisation, but will certainly mark an epoch in fighting tactics.

Fourthly, the increased co-operation between the Regiment's component parts—*i.e.*, 1st Battalion, 2nd Battalion, Depôt, Territorial Battalions, Cadet Battalion, and Old Comrades' Association. This was good before, but it appears to the writer to be even better now (perhaps the writer may be excused for saying that as he has served with four out of the six component parts in the last nine years, and was closely connected with a fifth, he is in some small position to judge). This factor of co-operation is a highly important one, and it is of no use hiding the fact that the history of Regiments does not always disclose that perfect co-ordination of spirit throughout all their component parts which is so essential to their smooth running as a whole.

The above factors are in no order of what the writer considers their importance. Only time can show which may have the greatest influence on the future of the Regiment. At present they are all equally important, and certainly deserve recording.

Colonel A. E. Whittaker, C.B.E., was created a Knight of the British Empire in June, thus bringing honour both to himself and the concomitant reflected glory to his old Regiment, not for the first time either, for he won the Grand Military Gold Cup in 1891 and 1892, when serving with the 1st Battalion.

The 1st and 2nd Battalions have both changed stations during the year. The 1st Battalion has moved from Ballykinlar to York ; and the 2nd Battalion should, by the time this Retrospect is in print, have completed its move from Nowshera to Lahore.

The presence of the 1st Battalion so near to its own county should be of great benefit to itself, the Depôt and the Territorial Battalions. Visits, attachments and interchange of views have already begun.

The 2nd Battalion has brought new honour to the Regiment by winning the " Sir George Barrow " Cup as the most efficient British Battalion in the Peshawar District.

The 1st Battalion had some very nice things said about it by the G.O.C. Northern Ireland District on leaving Ireland, and the Depôt came in for its share of praise when inspected by the Colonel of the Regiment ; and we know that our Territorial Battalions and the Cadet Battalion have maintained their high standard.

Therefore we can look back on 1928 as very satisfactory from a general efficiency point of view.

In the realm of sport there is much to be proud of. The 1st Battalion have won the Northern Ireland District Team Championship for Athletic Sports, the Cross-Country Team

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Championship, the Boxing Team Championship, the Tug-of-War Northern Ireland District Bronze Medal Tournament, and were runners-up in the Association Football Championship.

The Boxing Team reached the semi-finals in the Army Championships, and both Tug-of-War teams reached the semi-finals in the Army Championships at Olympia.

Since arrival in York, this Battalion has successfully reached the fourth round of the Army Association Football Championship.

The 2nd Battalion has won the Nowshera District Athletic and Tug-of-War Championships and the District Hockey Competition, and only lost the Boxing Championship by a solitary point. They also won the "Scissors" Cup for Association Football (16 teams entered).

St. George's Day was celebrated in the old time-honoured way throughout the Regiment. Colonel Kershaw, on leave from the 2nd Battalion, was present at the 1st Battalion's ceremony and took the salute.

The Regimental Aid Society Ball was held as usual at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and produced nearly £300 for the Society. This Society is continuing its excellent work, and much credit is due to its Secretary and Treasurer, Lt.-Colonel Bett.

There has been the inevitable movement of Officers throughout the year. Colonel Sandilands has been appointed Brigadier Commanding Rangoon Brigade.

Major Booth has gone to the 2nd Battalion, changing places with Major Foster, who has joined the 1st Battalion.

Brevet-Lieut.-Colonel Garnier has joined the 1st Battalion, after a period of duty as D.A.A.G., War Office.

Captain Sutherland has also joined the 1st Battalion, after a period of duty at the Small Arms School, Hythe.

Captain Wombwell has joined the 2nd Battalion from the Depôt, changing places with Captain Maynard.

Mr. Kilgour has gone from the 1st Battalion to the Small Arms School, Hythe, and Mr. Crawhall has vacated his appointment as Adjutant of the Depôt and has gone to the Small Arms School, Hythe, in a similar capacity.

The following have retired :—Mr. Alexander and Mr. Prickett, Mr. Bennett (4th Bn.), Mr. Rooksby (5th Bn.), Mr. Vardy (5th Bn.), Mr. Davidson (5th Bn.), Lt.-Col. Rogers (6th Bn.), Mr. Criddle (6th Bn.).

The following Cadets have joined the Regiment from Sandhurst :—Mr. Enderby (1st Bn.), Mr. Hobbs (1st Bn.), Mr. Milward (2nd Bn.), Mr. Threlfall (1st Bn.).

The Old Comrades' Association has grown from a membership of 17 in 1923 to 373 this year, and a Branch has been opened in Newcastle-on-Tyne. Now that the 1st Battalion is is in England there is little doubt that a much closer bond will exist between the Present and the Past. There has always been a close bond in spirit, but the spirit, so that it may flourish exceedingly, requires materialising now and again.

For the first time since the Great War all our Territorial Battalions have Officers of the Regiment as Adjutants ; this is as it should be, and it is hoped that there will always be a sufficient supply in the future to fill the vacancies as they occur.

Colonel (Hon. Brigadier-General) H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., who lately commanded our Territorial Brigade, has been appointed Honorary Colonel of our 5th Battalion.

In the realms of Interior Economy, the 1st Battalion have won the Northern Ireland District Cooking Championship and were runners-up in the Army Championship.

The *St. George's Gazette*, that important link between all Units of the Regiment, continues its unbroken career, and once more the thanks of all are due to its enthusiastic and indefatigable Editor for another year of solid labour.

Presentations to the Regiment include :—

The Carden Shooting Shield, the work of the late Major-General George Carden, presented by Mrs. Carden to the Depôt to be competed for annually between Officers and Serjeants of the Depôt.

Four water-colour paintings of the FIFTH in battles of Peninsular War, presented by Major Chenevix-Trench to the 1st Battalion.

On 10th October, their Majesties the King and Queen visited Newcastle-on-Tyne to open the new Tyne bridge, and various Guards of Honour were formed by the Depôt and the Territorial Battalions.

During the year we have lost an old Commanding Officer of the type that sees to it that the old traditions are upheld, and in the upholding thereof makes new ones. Colonel C. G. C. Money, C.B., died on the 29th February. He commanded the 1st Battalion during the occupation of Crete, 1898–99, and for more than two years during the South African War. His work and memory will live with the Regiment.

The recent death of General Pilcher, of whom an obituary notice appears in this number, adds another name to the year's toll of loss by death.

It will be seen that 1928 has been a year in which some very definite successes have been recorded and some very definite events taken place, both of which will effect the future of the Regiment. Seeds have been sown which will not bear fruit for some years ; seeds are being sown, and it is up to us of the Present to see that the soil is prepared and that the seeds are good. If we do this, future retrospection will show that we of the Present have done our duty and upheld those proud traditions which have remained unsullied since the birth of the Regiment, 254 years ago.

Obituary.

MAJOR-GENERAL T. D. PILCHER.

Major-General Thomas David Pilcher died in London on Friday, 14th December, of pneumonia, at the age of 70. He had seen much service in West and South Africa, and later in the Great War.

Born on 8th July, 1858, the son of Mr. T. W. Pilcher, of Harrow, he went to Harrow School in 1872. He passed from the Militia—the Dublin City Artillery—into the Army, was posted to the 22nd Foot, but a month later was transferred to the 5th Fusiliers and joined the 2nd Battalion, at that time stationed at Chatham. He was serving with the Indian Battalion when the Egyptian Expedition of 1882 gave an opportunity of active service to nearly all the Regiments, Cavalry and Infantry, then on the Home Establishment ; the Northumberland Fusiliers did not take part in any frontier campaigns while he was serving with it, and he had been nearly 20 years in the Army before he was able to show his qualities as a leader in the field.

In the meantime, however, he passed the Staff College, and was appointed D.A.A.G., Dublin District, in November, 1895, to October, 1897. In October, 1896, Sir George Goldie was in England maturing his plans

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for securing Nigeria for the Empire. Pilcher seized this chance of active service; in the autumn of 1897 he resigned his staff appointment, after holding it only two years, and was selected for employment in the West African Frontier Force. Arrived in Nigeria, he raised the 1st Battalion of the Force, and commanded the expedition to the two Fulani States of Lapai and Argeyah, receiving the medal and the thanks of Government. During his absence from England he had been promoted to a majority in the Northumberland Fusiliers, but some 18 months later —in July, 1899—he was transferred in that rank to the Bedfordshire Regiment, and given a Brevet Lieutenant-Colonelcy.

Fortunately for him, Lieutenant-Colonel Pilcher had barely reached home from West Africa when the war with the Boer Republics broke out, in 1899, and he at once went out to South Africa as a Special Service Officer. Very soon he showed what he could do in an independent command. He was serving under Methuen in the western theatre of the war, the Battles of Belmont, Graspan, Modder River, and Magersfontein had been fought, and he was commanding a small force at Belmont, one of the posts established on Methuen's line of supply from De Aar to Honey Nest Kloof. The Boers had been raiding across the Orange River and had occupied Douglas, a village commanding the road from Griqualand West to Belmont. It was, above all things, necessary to dislodge the enemy, and Pilcher made a raid against Douglas with the very small body of troops at his command, a raid which was entirely successful, and which was, indeed, considered a model of what such an operation should be.

Thereafter Pilcher took part in the operations for the relief of Kimberley, and in the Orange Free State was present at Paadeberg, Poplar Grove, Driefontein, Vet River and Zand River, and in the Transvaal at the actions of Johannesburg, Pretoria and Diamond Hill. During the halt at Johannesburg he carried out a very dashing raid on Ladybrand, and again showed initiative and qualities of command of a high order. Later, at Sannah's Post, he did good work in covering Broadwood's retreat with his mounted infantry Battalion. During the remainder of the war he was constantly employed—in the operations east and west of Pretoria, in the Orange River Colony, at Caledon River, and in the Cape Colony north of the Orange River. He was twice mentioned in dispatches, promoted Colonel, and made C.B. and A.D.C. to the King. He had seven clasps to the two medals. He seemed to be one of the discoveries of the war; few junior Officers had done better work, and he was generally regarded in the Army as one of the coming men.

Returning to England, he was at once given the command of the 3rd Infantry Brigade at Aldershot, an appointment which he held for the full period of five years, and the termination of which coincided with his promotion to the rank of Major-General in 1907. He was unemployed for a few months only, and was then appointed to command an Infantry Brigade at Secunderabad, proceeding from that in January, 1912, to the command of a Division at Neerut, and was holding this post on the outbreak of the Great War. When the 17th Division was raised he was given the command, and was wounded while with it in France, being mentioned in dispatches for his services; from September, 1916, until January, 1918, he was Commander of the Reserve Centre at St. Albans. In December, 1918, he unsuccessfully contested the Thornbury Division of Gloucestershire as a National Party candidate against a Coalition Liberal, and in the following January he retired from the Service. He was given a reward for distinguished service in January, 1911, and was appointed Colonel of the last Corps with which he had served—The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment—in April, 1914.

Major-General Pilcher was the author of several books—"Lessons from the Boer War," "The Writing on the Wall," "A General's Letters to his Son," "A General's Letters on Minor Tactics," and "War according to Clausewitz." He was twice married, first in 1889 to Kathleen, daughter of Colonel Gonne, 17th Lancers, and secondly in 1913 to Mrs. Knight-Bruce, and had two sons and one daughter, to whom we beg to convey our sincere sympathy.

JAMES McGRATH.

We regretfully have to announce the recent death of a very old Fusilier, James McGrath, who enlisted in Tipperary in 1883.

McGrath served for over 24 years with the Regiment, during which time he saw active service in India and South Africa, being discharged at Dover in 1908.

McGrath was in possession of the following medals and clasps:—Indian Frontier, with clasp for Hazara, 1888; Queen's and King's South African, with clasps for "Transvaal," "Orange Free State," "Cape Colony," "South Africa 1901," "South Africa 1902"; and the Long Service and Good Conduct. These medals he has left to his old Regiment, where they will be preserved and cherished. It is such men as James McGrath that have built up, maintained and enhanced the great traditions of the Regiment, and we of the present sorrow at their passing.

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

YORK,

December, 1928.

THE year 1928 is drawing to a close, its last month darkened by the illness of our King, which has caused and is causing the greatest anxiety to the whole nation. We can but trust that long before these notes are in print His Majesty will be well on the road to recovery.

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The month of December has brought forth no startling incident or event, the Battalion continuing on the even tenour of its way.

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Officers and Other Ranks are proceeding on and returning from leave at regular intervals, and there is some difficulty in supplying sufficient personnel for Garrison and other duties.

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Company Commanders are greeted daily at 9 a.m. with the slogan: "One Lance-Corporal available for training, Sir," whereupon these same Commanders hie them to the perusal of "Palestine," or the study of the manuals, etc., until such time as they can decently depart and change into mufti.

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Cross-country runs take place weekly, but there are not enough men to spare for Company and Platoon games—a record of our prowess in Regimental games will be found elsewhere.

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We are very sorry to have to record that Colonel Sandilands has left our midst, being suddenly ordered to Rangoon to take over the duties of Brigadier Commanding Rangoon Brigade.

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As he had taken a house here for six months, bought horses, and otherwise prepared himself for a sojourn with us, this came as a shock to us and must have been a slight one for him; still, the "settling down" state is seldom allowed to become an accomplished fact in the Army, and we are all prepared for sudden moves at all times. We wish him the best of luck in Burma, and knowing him we feel sure he will be happy there, also those whom he will command. He was unfortunate in being rather badly kicked on the head on his only day out with the York and Ainsty, but fortunate in that it wasn't worse—as it might easily have been.

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There has been considerable activity in the Education Department, and many N.C.O.'s and men have been sitting for their "Seconds" and "Thirds"; it is to be hoped that most of them did better than one unfortunate, who on being required to write an essay on the "Duke of Wellington," stated, amongst other strange items of information, that "the Duke of Arthur Wellesley went to India and fought the great Admiral Nelson at the Battle of Waterloo!" Napoleon would be somewhat appeased to know that at least one Englishman knew not of his fall.

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We were all particularly pleased to hear that our late G.-O.-C. (Major-General Sir F. F. Ready, C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G., D.S.O.) has been appointed G.-O.-C. 1st Division, Aldershot. This Division has reason to be proud of its luck.

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Colonel Herbert, Colonel Garnier, Captain Gatehouse, and Mr. Macmullen went on a three-day tactical exercise at Harrogate during the month, run by the staff of the 13th Infantry Brigade. If there *had* been any doubt as to our tactical knowledge being up-to-date owing to our being tucked away in "Bogland" so long, we feel this doubt must have been quickly dispelled. What we didn't know about "foremost defended localities," "fire-belts," "main zones," "localities vital to the defence," etc., etc., wasn't—etc., etc.!

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The scheme was a particularly interesting one, and was a pleasant combination of indoor and outdoor work.

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Preparations for 'Xmas are beginning, and our Acting 2nd-in-Command is rapidly filling up a note-book on the well-known lines of an Artillery programme:—

Zero—5 days. Order beer. Decorate dining-hall.

Zero—4 days. Arrange menu, and inspect dining-hall, etc., etc.

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Major Foster has gone on a month's leave, and Colonel Garnier is Acting Second-in-Command.

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Mr. Yorke, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Hobbs have joined those already on leave; and Mr. Laing and Mr. Parsons have returned. Captain Sutherland and Mr. Beckwith are packing up for an early departure—the former is off to Switzerland.

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Captain Seth-Smith has been very unlucky, not being content with a sharp attack of jaundice some months ago, he has now had his appendix removed. But there are two consolations for him—one, he cannot develop another appendix; two, he has been granted three months' sick leave. Perhaps he would have been more consoled had this "removal" taken place outside the hunting season.

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Owing to an oversight, the notes of October and November omitted to record that Captains Buckley and Scanlon, and Mr. Yorke and Mr. Parsons successfully passed their "C" and "A" Examinations for promotion. We congratulate them.

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We were very pleased to see, amongst others, Colonels Wilson and Lamb during the month; as they both live within 25 miles of York, we hope to see more of them.

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Colonel Herbert and Captain Powell were invited to two days' shooting by Colonel Sir A. E. Whitaker, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and were particularly interested in his very fine collection of medals.

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The climate of York is finding out nasal and bronchial weaknesses, and there is much buying of handkerchiefs and visiting of chemists.

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We have discovered that York is not only noted for its Minster and manufacture of chocolates, but also for its "push-bikes"—these absolutely swarm, and are a positive danger to themselves, motorists and pedestrians. Every single girl of the thousands employed in the two big chocolate factories seem to possess a bicycle; most of the men, and a majority of the other citizens, seem to have invested in this means of locomotion, and woebetide anyone who is caught in the 12.30 p.m., 2 p.m., and 5.30 p.m. traffic streams!

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Really "big stuff" is pending in the discussions on the Palestine Campaigns, due in March. Some Officers may get a nasty shock when they see Syndicate's Agendas. Being of a kind nature, and thinking of the "forgotten ones" on leave, the writer has managed to get some idea of the form these Agendas will take. They will be on the following lines:—

(1) Bearing in mind the position on the N.W. Frontier of India in 1916, state what you consider should have been the policy of Colonel Lawrence in his direction of the Arab Revolt?

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(2) Appreciate the situation (and remarks) of the G.-O.-C. 53rd Division at the moment he found his Division back to back with the 54th Division after the first Battle of Gaza.

(3) "Superandæ erant duci nostro Turcorum pertinacia, Teutonuma stutia, locorum iniquitas, aquarum denique inopia." Discuss this in the light of Artillery Training, Vol. II. Section 10 (3).

(4) "Campaigns in Palestine" (*Wavell*), page 76, states: "The 53rd Division had not been in action since Gallipoli, and was, maybe, 'short of a gallop.'" Assuming that this Division had been organised as a Camel Brigade immediately on its arrival in Egypt, do you consider that this hypothesis might still apply?

It is hoped that these "clues" will enable Officers to study the Campaigns on the right lines.

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It was prophesied in last month's notes that our Cooking Team, or Team of Cooks (whichever sounds best) would go far after winning the Northern Ireland District Cooking Competition. They have, and nearly as far as they can go without us losing them as chefs at the Ritz, Carlton, etc. They were second in the Army Cooking Competition, only just being beaten by the Life Guards. This is a very fine effort, and we heartily congratulate them.

LC.-CPL. POSTILL WITH A LIMBER TEAM.

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The ante-room has emerged from its rejuvenation, and is now what might be called "a handsome room," tastefully decorated with a few choice "oils" (and "waters"!), the collection of medals, etc. The dining-room is nearly done, and the billiard-room and passages have still to be done.

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We should like to thank the D.O.R.E. for all he has done for us: he certainly has done all he can, perhaps even more than regulations strictly allow, and he has very greatly assisted our metamorphis from chaos and discomfort to order and comfort.

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We were most pleased to see Captain Redwood, who stayed with us for a few days, and we hope he enjoyed that part of his leave spent with us in York.

In ending these notes we wish everyone a Happy and Successful New Year. If 1929 is even half as successful as 1928, we shan't have done too badly, but as "nothing succeeds like success," we hope to do even better. By "we," we of course mean the Regiment.

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Photographs are reproduced of Lce.-Cpl. Postill with one of our limber teams and of Fusilier Lowly, who won the Individual Prize for Cooking at the Army Cooking Competition.

FUSILIER LOWLY.

Winner of Individual Prize for Cooking at the Army Cooking Competition.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Fusilier Lowly on this excellent result.

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We have just heard of the death of Major-General T. D. Pilcher, C.B., on the 14th December, which we regretfully have to record.

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We were very highly delighted indeed to receive the following letter, which is from a Chelsea Pensioner and an old Fifth Fusilier. It constitutes an admirable record of good service, and is an outstanding example of that old saying, "Old soldiers never die."

"13—1 WARD,
"ROYAL HOSPITAL,
"CHELSEA, S.W. 3.

"DEAR COMRADES,

"Just a few lines from an old squad, to tell you I joined the Depôt Company in Shorncliffe on the 6th December, 1866, lay there till 7th November, '67, when I embarked for India in a 3-mast sailing ship, disembarked 15th March, '68, so you see we had a long voyage; stopped 2 days in Karachi, had a night's rail journey to Hyderabad Scinde, then boarded the flats and

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proceeded up river Indies to Moultan, 17 days; another night's rail to Mean Meer, and 7 days' march to Ferozepore, joined the 'Old and Bold' 21st April, '68, in time for St. George's Day, had a good time. Served in Afghanistan, '78, '79 and '80. Landed in Portsmouth early in December, '80; stayed in Portsmouth till early January, '81; remained in Ireland till July, '87; went to the Queen's Jubilee, Aldershot, from there to Colchester; discharged to pension November, '87; had good luck—always in work till I arrived here March, 1923; 78 years old. Am very comfortable, nothing to do; we get all classes here—Serjeant-Majors, Master Gunners, First Class Staff Serjeants, and all Other Ranks. I was in hopes you would have come nearer London, so that I should have had a chance of seeing the Regiment again and to have another St. George's Day with you, but our means are limited to 1s. 9d. weekly; we forfeit our pensions old age as well; we get similar rations as the Army, with one pint of beer daily, but if you have tobacco forfeit beer. So will conclude with best of luck, and thanks for greeting; hope you all have a good time. Am now in my 84th year, but still going strong.

"Yours sincerely,
"E. HARVEY ('CHIPPS')."

FOOTBALL NOTES.

THIRD ROUND, ARMY CUP (RUGBY).

Fifth Fusiliers v. *Cameron Highlanders.*

This game was played at Edinburgh. The ground was greasy and far from level, sloping considerably towards one goal. A fairly strong wind blew diagonally across the ground.

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In the earlier stages of the game it was seen that the two packs were evenly matched, whilst the FIFTH backs were superior to their opponents. So long as it was possible to handle the ball, which soon became very wet, the FIFTH started some promising movements, and Macdonough was once nearly in after a good run. As the game went on, however, handling became almost impossible, and it became a duel between the opposing packs.

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When no-side was blown, neither side had scored. During extra time the Camerons scored 2 tries, one as the result of a melee on the line, and one really good one by a forward who picked up about ten yards from the line and forced his way over.

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THIRD ROUND, ARMY CUP (ASSOCIATION).

Fifth Fusiliers v. *4th Bn. Royal Tank Corps.*

This match was played at York in good weather, the ground being on the greasy side. Some excellent football was seen by a good crowd of spectators.

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In the early stages of the game the FIFTH pressed their opponents hard, and several good shots at goal were made without success. After this the Tank Corps rallied and play was even, the ball travelling up and down the ground at a rare pace. The Tank Corps were a bigger side than the FIFTH, and our light inside forwards had a difficult task against the vigorous, but entirely clean methods of the Tank Corps backs, whose defence was very sound.

About half-way through the first half, Cpl. Bell (left-half) headed a bouncing ball up towards the goal, and Rhodes headed it into the net—a really good goal.

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The Tank Corps attacks became stronger than ever after this score, and their forwards looked dangerous on many occasions. Our defence, however, particularly that of Fus. Dennison at left back, was sure, and no further score took place before half-time.

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The second half saw further attacks by the Tank Corps, with, at times, little retaliation by the FIFTH. In fact, territorially, the Tank Corps were overmastering, and in the end their centre-forward, who manœuvred very cleverly for it, sent in a shot which gave Craig in goal no chance. This was about half way through the second half.

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Still the Tank Corps pressed, and there were many anxious moments for the FIFTH's supporters. It began to look as though the best we could hope for was a draw, with the possibility of having to replay at Catterick. A few attacks by the FIFTH took place, but the Tank Corps backs spoilt them very effectively.

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At last, with about ten minutes to go, the FIFTH warmed up, and as the result of several minutes' pressure scored the winning goal. The ball was pushed up to Hughes at centre-forward, and the latter, finding himself bottled, sent it out to Kellett at right wing, whilst he manœuvred for a better position. Kellet centred, and still Hughes could not get it in. A mix-up ensued in front of goal, and Kellett, who had moved in, snapped up an opportunity and beat the goalkeeper.

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The remainder of the game was full of incident, but no further score took place, and the FIFTH ran out winners by 2 goals to 1. On the whole, one felt that we were a shade lucky to win, though it may be said, of course, that the side which snaps up its chances and turns them to good account deserves success.

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Though one hesitates to offer criticism upon players who went through such a gruelling game, two comments will not be amiss. The first concerns Lce.-Cpl. Charlton at centre-half. Charlton is a good footballer who, on his day, would be very difficult to replace. In this game, however, he was far too much inclined to hang on to the ball instead of keeping the game open and pushing it out to the forwards. The result was that not once, but many times, he was robbed of the ball when he had had ample time to pass it to an unmarked forward.

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The second concerns Cpl. Rhodes at outside left. When the Tank Corps were keeping up a sustained pressure in the second half, Rhodes was inclined to be all over the field in defence. The result was that there was no outside left lying up for the halves to give the ball to when they cleared, and so put us on the attack again.

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In football, as in other departments of soldiering, the best method of defence is often attack, and if we are being pressed, our centre forward and outside forwards must lie well up the field to take the clearances of the halves or backs, and so draw the play away from our own goal. Only the inside left and inside right should go back and help.

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The defence of our team is good, and there is little to be gained by our wing forward giving himself a roving commission and upsetting our prospects of getting on the attack again. Except for this failing, Rhodes played an excellent game.

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FIFTH team was :—Fus. Craig ; Fus. Charlton, Fus. Dennison ; Cpl. Ingham, Cpl. Bell, Lce.-Cpl. Charlton ; Fus. Kellett, Cpl. Scanlan, Fus. Hughes, Fus. Young, Cpl. Rhodes.

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The only other games played have been a friendly game with the 5th Bn. I.D.G., just home from India, whom we beat 1—0 with a weakened team ; and two matches in the local Wednesday League, which resulted as follows :—

v. Thirsk Wednesday, away, won, 3—0.
v. Thirsk Wednesday, at home, won, 11—0.

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So far, in this League the FIFTH have played four matches and have scored 30 goals and had 1 scored against them.

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Our next encounter in the Army Cup (4th round) is against 2nd Bn. Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, whom we meet at York on 23rd January.

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

December, 1928.

Since our last issue nothing of very great importance has occurred, consequently there is little to write about.

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Our congratulations are extended to Serjeant G. Ross on obtaining a " Q1 " certificate from Hythe.

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We also bid farewell, at least for a while, to C.S.M. J. Ratliff, who has gone to the 7th Battalion at Berwick.

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Sjt. Lawless is also leaving us to go to the Depôt at Newcastle to relieve Sjt. Meadows.

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The 'Xmas festivities are drawing nearer, and many members of the Mess who are ex-Bandsmen have volunteered to play in the Band for the " Kiddies' " Christmas-tree.

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S.M. Rowsell and Sjt. Hobbs can be heard gaily tootling on the trombone and cornet, to the envy of other members and the disgust of their neighbours.

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The painters and decorators have now left us, and the Mess is beginning to look like a picture, thanks to the activities of one or two members.

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At this particular moment most of our members have snatched the opportunity of a well-earned ? ? leave, and have departed from York to various other places on the map.

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Sjt. Desmond is now out of Hospital, looking fit and well.

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On Christmas Eve a Social and Dance was held in the Mess.

The attendance was of necessity small, but the result was a joyous evening of fun.

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Miss M. Ellis, C.S.M. (Jack) Purcell, and Sjt. Hobbs obliged with the necessary music. Very many thanks.

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C.S.M. (Buck) Newton as an M.C. is positively IT. He works on the system of One Dance, One Drink, and a jolly system too.

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We wonder who sent him his 'Xmas Card. It's a good 'un!

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Our thanks are due to our most excellent caterer, by name Blossom, who prepared the dance floor. He really does work hard on occasions.

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Our address book is rather short. Will any old members please oblige by letting the Mess President know of their addresses.

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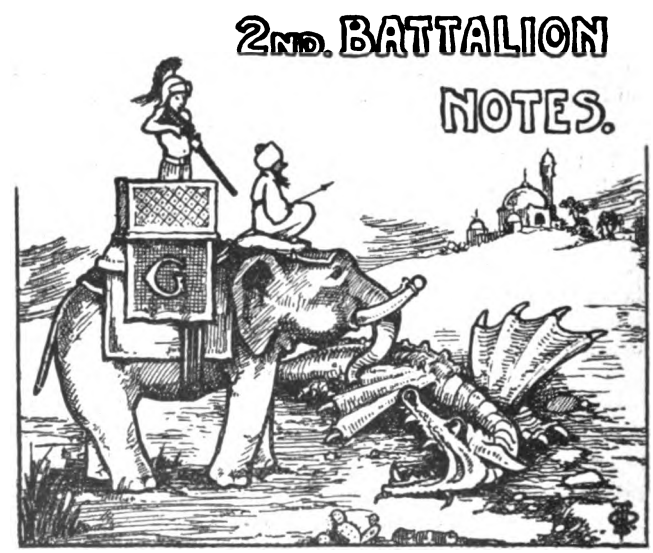
Before closing down, just one word of warning to the SINGLE members. DON'T challenge the married 'uns to billiards unless you know 'em.

" FAGOTTO."



LAHORE,
December, 1928.

ON 28th November, in the cold grey of the early morning, and with weeping skies, the Battalion arrived in Lahore.

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It has rained continually during the three days we have been here, but more or less we have seen enough to know that we are going to like the station. After the sand and dust and general barrenness of Nowshera, the gardens and trees and well-kept tarmac roads are balm to the eyes.

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While in the town, the plate-glass windows of the palatial shops, and the huge facades of hotels-de-luxe, thrill one beyond

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words and send one's thoughts flying in despair towards one's pass-books.

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We left Nowshera in two trains on 20th November, and shall

No. 5 Platoon—Winners of Hopton Cup Competition, "B" Company Rifle Meeting.

always remember the heartiness of the send-off we received from all our friends.

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On the morning of the 26th, the 5th/8th Punjab Regt. (Burma) sent their Band all the way in from camp at Manki to cheer on our loading parties, and to play in the 2nd Scottish Rifles, who were played up to barracks by our Drums and Band and the Pipes of 2nd/2nd Bombay Pioneers.

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During the afternoon, Colonel Wace and the Officers of the 10th/11th Sikh Regt. kindly sent their Band to the Mobilisation Siding, where we were in bivouac awaiting the taking over of the trains, and played a long programme which was very much appreciated

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The Pipe Band of the 33rd/1st Punjab Regt. had been very kindly sent by Colonel Harper to play the main body down to the station.

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Our most hearty thanks are due to the Brigade Staff and Capt. Nicholls (Supply Officer, Nowshera), and to the local Officials of the N.W.R., for the excellent arrangements made for transport and loading (in spite of the fact that nearly all the Transport was away on manœuvres) of baggage, and to Capt. Saxby, of the 23rd Field Brigade Column. The rolling stock was excellent, and again our thanks are due to General Sir Cyril Deverell and Capt. Ingledew, of Milrail, to whose efforts we are so largely indebted for the comforts of our journey both as regards accommodation and cooking arrangements on the trains.

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Battalion H.Q. and H.Q. Wing and "A" Company left in the first train, at 8.20 a.m., with the remainder of the Battalion, under Major R. E. Critchley Salmonson, M.C., following some three hours later.

Handing over to the 2nd Scottish Rifles has gone most rapidly and pleasantly. Colonel McAllen and his Officers invited us to supper, and we spent a very pleasant evening.

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It was with deep regret that we had to part from such a cheery Battalion, after so short a meeting, which was, however, quite long enough to enable us to appreciate the smartness of bearing and turn-out of their fine Battalion.

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The Serjeants' Mess of our old friends the 23rd Field Brigade R.A. entertained our Serjeants on the evening of the 26th at the Mobilization Siding, and the 2nd Scottish Rifles sent their Band down next morning to play us out, in spite of a heavy day of unloading on the 26th.

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Just as we moved off we heard the excellent news that our Brigadier had just been appointed A.D.C. to His Majesty, and our heartiest congratulations were showered upon Miss Wagstaff, who had come down to say au revoir until next February.

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Very pleasant letters of farewell arrived from Colonel Houghton (11th Sikh Regt.), Colonel Harper (3rd/1st Punjab Regt.), Colonel Sutherland (5th/8th Punjab Regt.), and from Colonel Sandeman (of the Guides Infantry), from the last of which we reproduce extracts below. Capt. J. Maltby (General Staff, Peshawar District) and Major Young, R.A.M.C. (Peshawar District Headquarters), motored over from Peshawar to say good-bye. Amongst our many old and new friends at Nowshera whom we are so sorry to leave behind, Mrs. Wagstaff, Mrs. Wainwright, Rev. and Mrs. Devciust, Colonel Wade (10th/11th Sikhs), Colonel Cockran (2nd/2nd Pioneers), Colonel McAllen, Major Hunter and Capt. Campbell (of 2nd Scottish Rifles), Capt. Gayer (11th Sikhs), Major Blake, S.M.O., Capt. Hills (just back from Home leave), Capt. Dallison and Capt. McClenagan (of the Brigade Staff), Capt. Hissamud Din (P.A.V.O. Cavalry),

No. 5 Platoon, "B" Company—"Runners-up," Khanspur Football Tournament.

and Commandant Guides (Territorial Battalion) and Capt. Nichols (Supply Officer of Nowshera) came down to see us off.

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Farewell letters from the Brigadier and Brigade-Major, absent on manœuvres, which we should blush to print, were very much appreciated.

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Part of Col. Sandeman's letter runs as follows :—

" On behalf of my Battalion, I want to express to you our great appreciation of the friendship the Fifth Fusiliers have shown to us during their stay in Nowshera.

" It has been a great honour and an immense pleasure to us to have served in the same Brigade as your Battalion, and we shall long remember the many good days of ' Battle Fighting ' we have had together at Training and Manœuvres.

" We wish you the best of luck now and for all time, and hope the chance may some day bring our Battalions together again to renew the friendship we have made."

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Our friendship with the Corps of Guides was renewed during the attachment of Officers, N.C.O.'s and men to the Guides Infantry at Dargai, when first we came to Nowshera. It was firmly cemented as a result of the battles against Peshawar Brigade, in which the Guides, both Cavalry and Infantry, fought side by side with the FIFTH. The honour of comradeship with a Corps of such great traditions and present prestige was appreciated by us all.

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The move to Lahore has rather overshadowed earlier events in the month, but one or two are worthy of record.

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On the last Sunday in Nowshera, the Battalion paraded almost at full strength for Divine Service, which was in the nature of a Regimental Service. Half of the collection was sent to the Aid Society. The Commanding Officer read the Lesson, and after the Service the Battalion marched past the Brigadier.

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On 13th November, the Drums beat Retreat on the Club Lawn, and almost everyone in Nowshera came to hear them. The Brigadier congratulated Sjt. Evans (Acting Drum-Major) upon their fine appearance, and spoke to many of the men.

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Early in the month, Major Carroll-Leahy went to Shelum, in the capacity of Provost-Marshal, to prepare for Northern Command Manœuvres. He was accompanied by 66 N.C.O.'s and Men, chiefly Signallers, to assist him. Captains Chipper and Cooper followed later as Umpires.

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Major Critchley-Salmonson returned from a successful shooting trip in Kashmir early in the month. The first three weeks were spent in the Kaj Nag, after Markhor, and he was successful in getting what would have been one of the half-dozen best heads on record, only unfortunately the animal in falling down a precipice broke off the tips of both horns. Half Kashmir is looking for the missing tips, and daily the reward increases. Major Critchley-Salmonson is now reputed to have two gross pairs of horn tips in his room, and more come by every post—but unfortunately none of them fit.

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From the Kaj Nag he went to Kishtwar and got two barasingh, or more correctly Kashmir stag.

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Three Regimental hockey matches were played during November, with the following results :—

v. 3rd/1st Punjab Regt. Won, 6—1.
v. 2nd Bombay Pioneers. Won, 3—1.
v. 10th/11th Sikh Regt. Lost, 1—2.

We played two cricket matches, and were well trounced on both occasions. Details were as follows :—

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Played at Nowshera, 8th November, 1928—

5TH FUSILIERS *v.* 60TH FIELD BATTERY R.A.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

	1st innings.		2nd innings.	
C.Q.M.S. Parkins, run out	0		run out	3
Bdsmn. Trower, not out	46		c, b Adcock	11
Sjt. Bosworth, lbw, b Purkiss	0		lbw, b Adcock	0
Bdsmn. Flatman, c, b Adcock	8		b Adcock	1
Mr. Beyts, b Adcock	5		c, b Purkis	0
Lce.-Cpl. Bishop, c, b Purkis	0		b Purkis	8
Col. Kershaw, c, b Purkis	0		not out	2
Mr. Lean, b Adcock	7		b Purkis	0
Fus. Smith, b Fontana	13		c, b Adcock	7
Lce.-Cpl. Williams, c, b Purkis	0		c, b Adcock	0
Lce.-Cpl. Gillon, b Purkis	4		c, b Adcock	0
Extras	1		Extras	2
Total	84		Total	34

60TH FIELD BATTERY R.A.

	1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Mr. Greason, b Col. Kershaw	8		b Beyts	18
Bdr. Siver, lbw, b Parkin	0		not out	37
Mr. Lyall Grant, b Col. Kershaw	6		not out	34
Gnr. Purkis, c, b Col. Kershaw	6			
Gnr. Fontana, run out	4			
Gnr. Snare, run out	28			
Mr. Yates, lbw, b Trower	3		did not bat	
Gnr. Adcock, b Beyts	12			
Gnr. Hards, not out	4			
Gnr. Odgers, c, b Col. Kershaw	5			
Gnr. Ayling, c, b Col. Kershaw	10			
Extras	14		Extras	0
Total	100		Total (for 1 wkt.)	89

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Played at Nowshera, 9th November, 1928—

5TH FUSILIERS *v.* NOWSHERA.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

	1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Fus. Lyons, lbw, b Purkis	0		c, b Rigg	4
C.Q.M.S. Parkin, c, b Rigg	2		b Hulbert	26
R.Q.M.S. Atkinson, b Purkis	19		c, b Purkis	5
Mr. Collingwood, b Purkis	10		c, b Purkis	5
Mr. Clifford, b Purkis	2		b Hulbert	1
Mr. Beyts, lbw, b Purkis	6		b Hulbert	4
Fus. Smith, b Hulbert	17		b Hulbert	0
Col. Kershaw, c, b Hulbert	2		not out	2
Mr. Bradford, b Hulbert	0		c, b Purkis	2
Lce.-Cpl. Bishop, not out	3		c, b Rigg	24
Lce.-Cpl. Williams, b Robinson	0		c, b Bridge	5
Extras	5		Extras	11
Total	66		Total	89

NOWSHERA.

	1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Brig. Wagstaff, c, b Col. Kershaw	5		did not bat	
Major Rigg, b Parkin	2		not out	33
— Purkin, c, b Collingwood	47		c, b Parkin	33
— Bridge, c, b Col. Kershaw	10		did not bat	
Mr. Lyall Grant, c, b Col. Kershaw	1		did not bat	
Gnr. Serve, c, b Beyts	19		not out	32
Gnr. Robinson, b Col. Kershaw	0			
Gnr. Fontana, b Beyts	3			
Gnr. Purkis, c, b Col. Kershaw	20		did not bat	
Gnr. Hulbert, b Col. Kershaw	17			
Gnr. Ware, not out	1			
Extras	17		Extras	1
Total	142		Total	99

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"B" COMPANY NOTES.

2ND HILL PARTY,
KHANSPUR, 1928.

"B" Company and the second parties of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, and "E" Battery R.H.A., arrived at Khanspur

No. 5 PLATOON, "B" COMPANY—WINNERS OF PLATOON DRILL COMPETITION, PLATOON CHAMPIONSHIP.

about the first week in August. All certainly needed the change badly, after their gruelling time on the Plains. However, the cool nights and clean, if rather thin, air soon put life into their bodies and colour into their cheeks, while "prickly heat" quickly faded away. A testimonial to the place as a health resort was evident in the person of an N.C.O. who had been sent up in April like a wilted flower and who had now blossomed out like a peony.

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Practically the whole time was spent on the Range, with good results as regards both Lewis Gun and Rifle Classification.

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We were visited by Major and Mrs. Booth on 8th September, who were among the first to get through the Kashmir floods and landslides, and beat Mr. Lean by a short head.

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Facilities for sport and recreation are few in Khanspur, but full value was got out of the football ground, even when in a condition rather like Jarrow Slake, while the Gymnasium and Church of England Institute provided floors for dancing on. Quoits were also of use to pass away odd moments, and the Band in the Park twice a week provided a social centre.

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During the last fortnight in September, a knock-out Football Tournament was held. Each Platoon of ours and Squadron of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards was represented, and the 4th/7th Dragoons at Ghora Dhaka sent down two teams. There were many very exciting games, as the teams were fairly level, not least being the Final, in which No. 5 Platoon put up a splendid fight against H.Q. Squadron, 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, being beaten by 2 goals to 1 after extra time.

On completion of Tables "B" and "L," the Company Rifle Meeting was held. The results, which are appended below, were not so good as were expected

PRIZE-WINNERS.

Match "A" (Brooke Bond Cup)—*Marksmen.*

1, Fus. Punton, with a score of .. 40
2, C.S.M. Moon, with a score of .. 38
3, Lce.-Cpl. Pratt, with a score of .. 35

Match "B," 2nd Class Shots.

1, Lce.-Cpl. Earp, with a score of .. 21
2, Lce.-Cpl. Bennett, with a score of 17
3, Fus. Smith, with a score of .. 16

Match "E" (Hopton Cup), *1st Class Shots—Platoon Competition.*

1, No. 5 Platoon (Sjt. Phillips), with a score of 136.

Team.—Sjt. Phillips (*capt.*), Lce.-Cpl. Broxon, Lce.-Cpl. Brown, Fus. Beck, Fus. Dodds, Fus. Grainger, Fus. Stevens, Fus. Duncan, Fus. Kennedy.

Match "D," Revolver (Duke of Connaught Cup).

1, Fus. Foster, with a score of .. 42
2, Fus. Lawson, with a score of .. 30

Pool Bull Competition—Marksmen and 1st Class Shots.

C.Q.M.S. Avison ..	1	Sjt. Green	2
Cpl. Ferguson ..	2	Lce.-Cpl. Humble ..	2
Lce.-Cpl. Weatherall	2	Lce.-Cpl. Pratt ..	1
Lce.-Cpl. Throssell	1		

(The value of the Pool Bull in this Class was Rs. 2 Annas 10.)

Pool Bull 2nd Class Shots.

Fus. Wright ..	2	Fus. Dodds.. ..	2
Fus. Humphries ..	1	Fus. Cairns ..	1

(The value of a Pool Bull in this Class was Rs. 4 Annas 2.)

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There was a road run from Ghora Dhaka to Kkanspur on the 10th October, which was open to the Garrison of the two Stations. There were 31 starters, of whom 10 received prizes

No. 6 PLATOON, "B" COMPANY—WINNERS OF LEWIS-GUN COMPETITION, PLATOON CHAMPIONSHIP.

("chits" on the Canteen—wet or dry). The distance was a little over a mile, which was covered by the first man home in 7 minutes; 29 of "B" Company competed, and 8 were among the first 10 in.

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The Company Dances held in Khanspur were most popular. In fact, " House Full " notices should have been put up, so as

No. 7 Platoon, " B " Company—Winners of Athletic Meeting for Platoon Championship.

to allow breathing room for those who had arrived early and were afterwards crushed against the wall and left to suffocate.

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There were a certain number of Chikor round about, and twenty or more were shot. They gave plenty of exercise, but the most tiring part of the day was the 2,000 feet climb up a precipice to get home in the evening. It is doubtless very good for one, but shakes off all but the most enthusiastic—or, should we say, foolish!

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The march down, on our return to the Plains, was reminiscent of last year's Brigade Manœuvres, Camel Transport being all that was available: however, the loading of 33 camels was done expeditiously . . . on the final day, at Baracao, it took exactly 30 minutes to get moving—a very creditable performance.

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Prior to leaving Khanspur, a Concert was held in the Wet Canteen . . . a lot of talent (good and otherwise) was discovered, one of the most outstanding being Fusilier Maddison, whose rendering of the song " Mother " was so pathetic that most of the audience broke down completely, whether from excess of sentiment or beer it is hard to say. An amusing sketch was given by Fusilier Threadkell, which included some humorous skits on routine and orders for Guards.

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On arrival at Nowshera, the Platoon Drill and Guard Competition for Platoon Championship was held. The former was won by No. 5 Platoon and the latter by No. 8 Platoon. Congratulations to all concerned.

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The Inter-Platoon Novices' Boxing Competition was held on 3rd, 5th and 6th November, a detailed account of which appears below.

Inter-Platoon Novices' Boxing Tournament, 1928.

" B " Company having definitely decided between themselves that a four days' march from Khanspur to Rawalpindi was not sufficient in itself to exhaust them, held the above Tournament, which provided three nights of excellent entertainment.

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It was hard to realise that it was a Novices' Tournament. The standard of boxing was quite above the average.

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On the Final night, four Special Contests were held, the " star " attraction being the contest between Fus. Hayton, 5th Fusiliers (finalist of the All-India Competition, 1927–8) *v.* Gnr. McAvoy, 17th Light Battery R.A. (winner Murree Brewery Tournament, 1928).

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The presiding officials throughout the Tournament were :—

Referee.—Lieut. G. E. Strong, R.A.

Judges.—Flight-Lieut. R. N. Foster, D.F.C., D.S.M., R.A.F.; Flight-Lieut. J. McMeekin, R.A.F.

Time-keeper.—2nd-Lieut. J. E. Lean, 5th Fusiliers.

M.C.—C.S.M. A. G. Moon, 5th Fusiliers.

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First Night.

Light-Weights (Class " A ")—First Series.

Fus. Burns, a bye. Fus. Scorer beat Fus. Hadaway, the latter being disqualified. Fus. Jamieson beat Fus. Malia. Fus. Stevens k.o. Dowson in the opening round.

Welter-Weights (Class " B ")—First Series.

Fus. Haswell beat Fus. Lawson. Fus. Clark (27) outpointed Fus. Maddison. Fus. Carpenter k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Bennett in the first round. Lce.-Cpl. Elsey awarded the fight against Fus. Braven owing to the latter having to scratch on medical grounds.

Light-Weights (Class " B ")—First Series.

Fus. Donachy received a point's verdict over Fus. Munroe. Lce.-Cpl. Nichols beat Fus. Dixon. Fus. Donachie beat Fus. Addison. Fus. Simpson k.o. Fus. Dobson in the second round.

No. 8 Platoon, " B " Company—Winners of Guard-Mounting Competition, Platoon Championship.

Feather-Weights—First Series.

Lce.-Cpl. McCall k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Abbott in the first round.

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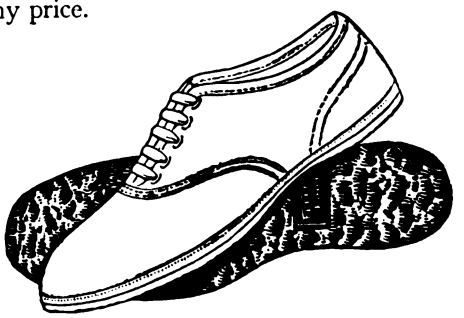

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Fus. Tomlinson beat Fus. Bedford on the intervention of the Referee. Fus. Davies outpointed Fus. Ridley.

"ENTRIES"—"B" COMPANY NOVICES' BOXING TOURNAMENT.

Middle-Weights (1st Series).

Fus. Beck beat Fus. Overend, the Referee stopping the fight in the second round.

At this stage the points were :—

No. 5 Platoon	13
No. 6 Platoon	5
No. 7 Platoon	14
No. 8 Platoon	13

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SECOND NIGHT.

Feather-Weights—1st Series.

Fus. Laidler k.o. Fus. Richardson in the second round.

Welter-Weights (Class "A")—1st Series.

Fus. Morton k.o. Fus. Magness in the first round. Lce.-Cpl. Fairs beat Fus. Livermore. Fus. Leach k.o. Fus. McGrother in the opening round.

Middle-Weights—Semi-Finals.

Lce.-Cpl. Whittle proved far too good for Fus. O'Rourke, whom he k.o. at the first exchange. Fus. Beck beat Fus. Carr, the latter having to retire owing to a damaged arm.

Light-Weights (Class "A")—Semi-Finals.

Fus. Burns beat Fus. Scorer. Fus. Stevens beat Fus. Jamieson by a narrow margin of points.

Light-Weights (Class "B")—Semi-Finals.

Fus. Donachy k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Nichols in the second round. Fus. Simpson awarded the fight against Fus. Donachie, the latter having to scratch on medical grounds.

Welter-Weights (Class "B")—Semi-Finals.

Fus. Clark (27) beat Fus. Haswell on points. Fus. Carpenter k.o. Lce.-Cpl. Elsey.

Feather-Weights—Semi-Finals.

Lce.-Cpl. McCall beat Fus. Davies on points after a very hard fight. Fus. Laidler beat Fus. Tomlinson.

Points towards Platoon Championship :—

No. 5 Platoon	24
No. 6 Platoon	14
No. 7 Platoon	27
No. 8 Platoon	25

FINAL NIGHT.

This proved an enormous attraction, the arena being packed to its utmost capacity long before boxing was due to commence, and the spectators were provided with a display of excellent boxing.

Special Contest—Light-Weights.

Fus. Carty ("A" Company) *v.* Drm. Travis (Drums). From the start both men strove for a k.o., Travis having slightly the better of the exchange. In the second round some heavy blows were registered, Carty persistently attacking. The final round was fought to a standstill, and Travis won a very hard contest by a narrow margin of points.

Welter-Weights (Class "A")—Semi-Finals.

Fus. Leach beat Lce.-Cpl. Fairs on points.

Final.—Fus. Morton *v.* Fus. Leach. Morton is a boxer of the last arrived draft, whom we hope to see more of; he was far superior to Leach, although the latter gave an excellent display of pluck until being k.o. in the second round.

Feather-Weights—Semi-Finals.

Fus. Laidler k.o. Fus. Tomlinson in the first round.

Final.—Fus. Laidler *v.* Lce.-Cpl. McCall. The first round went to Laidler, who registered several rights to the body. At the second meeting McCall succeeded in levelling the points by in-fighting. In the final round McCall registered a smart right to the point which Laidler went down to. The gong saved him from being counted out, and McCall received the verdict on points.

Special Contest—Middle-Weights.

Fus. Laverick ("B" Coy.) *v.* Lce.-Cpl. King (H.Q. Wing). Laverick was far too good for King, the Referee saving the latter from a most obvious k.o. by stopping the fight after 50 seconds.

Light-Weights.—Final.

Fus. Stevens *v.* Fus. Burns. Burns succumbed to Stevens in the opening round.

Special Contest—Catch-Weights.

Fus. Hayton ("A" Coy.) *v.* Dmr. McAvoy (17th Light Battery R.A.). Hayton sparred for an opening and registered a right to the point which shook McAvoy. . . . Hayton stepped in and k.o. his man with a terrific right to the jaw.

NO 7 PLATOON—WINNERS OF "B" COMPANY NOVICES' BOXING COMPETITION.

Special Contest—Light-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Graham ("A" Coy.) *v.* Gnr. Dixon (17th Light

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Battery R.A.). Graham had the better of the exchanges in the opening round, landing some smart blows with both hands. The second round went to the Gunner, who used his left to advantage. In the last meeting Graham put his man down twice with two well-timed rights to the point. Dixon was game, but the Referee stopped the fight and gave the verdict to Graham.

Light-Weights—Final. (Class " B.")

Fus. Donachy *v.* Fus. Simpson. Simpson had a point's lead at the first gong. In the second round he put Donachy down for a count of 5, and this weakened the latter considerably. The final round went to Simpson, who won on points.

Welter-Weights—Final. (Class " B.")

Fus. Clark (27) *v.* Fus. Carpenter. Clark possesses a good left, and he repeatedly landed some telling blows on Carpenter. The second round found Carpenter hitting rather wildly. In the final round Clark maintained his point's lead and received the verdict.

Middle-Weights—Final.

Fus. Beck *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Whittle. From the commencement Beck was on the defensive. . . . Whittle getting home several heavy blows. At the second meeting Whittle k.o. his opponent with a right to the point.

Special Contest—Welter-Weights.

Fus. Morton (" B " Coy.) *v.* Fus. Wright (" D " Coy.). Morton was far the superior. He stepped in and landed two hard rights to the point and followed up with a left which put Wright down. The latter pluckily rose, but the Referee intervened and awarded the fight to Morton.

Mill Competition.

" A " Team *v.* " B " Team. A concluding feature of an excellent Tournament was provided by this spirited affair, which resulted in a win for " A " Team.

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The prizes were presented by Lt.-Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., who congratulated the competitors on the excellent display he had witnessed, and thanked the Officials who had so kindly consented to preside.

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Best Losers Cups were presented to the undermentioned :—

Feather-Weights.—Fus. Tomlinson.

Light-Weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Nichols and Fus. Jamieson.

Welter-Weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Bennett and Lce.-Cpl. Fairs.

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The final reckoning of points were :—

1st (Winners of Platoon Cup), No. 7 Platoon (2nd-Lieut. J. E. Lea) (38).

2nd, No. 5 Platoon (32).

3rd and 4th places, Nos. 6 and 8 Platoons (28).

SERJEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The Mess scribe, owing to sickness, has been unable to make the usual contributions to the *Gazette*, and hopes that no important events will now be overlooked in consequence.

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A very pleasant affair was the Dinner, Social and Dance held in the Mess at Cherat, in honour of some members leaving the 2nd Battalion—O.R.Q.M.S. (" Tug ") Willson, for the Depôt, and Serjts. Bolton and Bugg to the Army Reserve. Arrangements for the dinner were in the hands of that capable caterer, Sjt. Rutherford, whose efforts would have pleased Epicurus himself. On the conclusion of dinner, Mr. Steffen made what he declared to be his maiden speech. However, in a few well-chosen words he summarized " Tug's " career, pointing out in particular that he had been a man of many parts : commencing by wielding the drum sticks, later on delving into the secrets and mysteries of accounts as a C.Q.M.S., and finally clicking the keys of a typewriter as O.R.Q.M.S. Not too much was said concerning Bugg and Bolton, both being young members of the Mess, but it was observed that the latter would be missed from the Regimental hockey team.

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Presentations were then made to Tug and Bugg (Bolton being away with the Regimental hockey team), accompanied by wishes for a *bon voyage* and successful futures. In responding, Tug regretted leaving the Battalion, but intimated that it was about time he indulged in a period of " Home Service," having spent most of his time overseas. Frankly, Bugg blushed like a schoolgirl, thanked the members for their gift and good wishes, and promptly resumed his seat.

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The dinner was attended by Mess members and their wives, with the addition of a few special guests. The social and dance which followed was attended by our Officers and members of the other Serjeants' Messes. Miss Packer (of I.A.S.C.) and Mrs. Rigby (of the K.O.Y.L.I.) delighted us with their songs and duets ; while Mr. Murdoch's rendering in basso profundo style of " Captain Mac." was much appreciated. It was evident to all that Mr. Steffen had been exceedingly busy with his String Orchestra. The pieces played were encored with considerable enthusiasm. Dancing was kept up till the small hours of the morning, and the shopkeepers the following day completely sold out their supplies of Genasprin.

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Writing of departure from the Battalion, it has just come through that we are losing two more old members, C.S.M. (Jim) Pollard and Drum-Major Brace sail for Blighty on the *California* on the 23rd November.

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Two parties of Mess members made trips on successive week-ends to Landi Kotal, *via* the Khyber Pass. Our reception in Landi Kotal by the York and Lancaster Regiment's Mess was the essence of hospitality, and Mr. Wigley (the R.S.M.) and the Mess members have the sincere thanks of both parties for the adequacy of the arrangements for billeting, feeding and entertaining us. We came away with the feeling that a friendship had been fostered that time would not diminish, nor did we expect to meet our friends again so soon. Luckily the York and Lancaster Regiment, bound for Dinapore, stopped at the Nowshera Military Railway siding for a couple of hours, and, in conjunction with 23rd Brigade R.A. Mess we were able to provide our friends with something sustaining—papular, McEwanish and Spiritual. Our Drums and Fifes played several selections to an appreciative audience. At last the " all aboard " sounded, and the train moved off amidst much cheering and handwaving. That our efforts were appreciated, proof came the next day in the shape of an orange envelope to the Presidents of the R.A. and our Mess from Mr. Wigley, containing a message of thanks for their reception at the station here.

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A number of our members have rejoined after a spell in the

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Old Country. C.S.M. Beck has brought back with him a pair of the latest thing in trousers—in "Light Fawn"—but we notice that he still sidesteps matrimony. Evidently "Cupid" did not undergo training with a "Beck." C.S.M. Lurkman returned single too, thereby upsetting the forecasts of several prophets. Sjts. Palmer and Pearson took unto themselves wives, while Sjts. Leader (looking bustier than ever), Hill and Boon, out of consideration for the deplorable state of the "Marriage Presentation Fund," came back unwedded. C.Q.M.S.'s Ward and Avision and their wives returned looking fit and very pleased with themselves.

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I have never seen so many of our members at Evening Church Service as on the night at Cherat when the Band of the FIFTH gave a String Orchestral Recital. Mr. Steffen is to be highly congratulated on the excellent rendering of "The First Movement from the Unfinished Symphony," "Paraphrase on the Volga Boatman's Song," and "Petit Suite de Concert." Capt. C. H. Cooper, M.C., charmed us all with his delightful and polished rendering of "Aria" on "G" string.

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The 23rd Brigade R.A. recently entertained at a Smoking Concert the two Units shortly leaving Nowshera (the 5th/6th Dragoons and the Fighting Fifth). This was no ordinary Smoking Concert, for the arrangements were in the capable hands of a past-master in the art of entertaining—R.S.M. V. G. Cook, D.C.M., of the 23rd Field Brigade R.A. The luxurious Mess furniture, etc., was transferred *en bloc* to an empty barrack-room (known as No. 4 Bungalow), the place being positively transformed. The full String Orchestra of the FIFTH was in attendance, and artistes of no mean ability contributed song and story to an excellent programme. The FIFTH'S Orchestra delighted all with its excellent playing, and the combination of voice and orchestra in "Old Man River" (from the "Show Boat") was much appreciated, the refrain being sung by W.O. Murdoch, A.E.C. Bdsmn. Eley on the violin, and Bdsmn. Williams on the saxophone, gave excellent solos. Sjt. Bennett on his conducting, and Mr. Steffen for "Bringing him out," deserve unstinted praise. Space does not permit me to mention more than that many excellent speeches were made, and that our members attended the function *en masse*, and spent one of the most enjoyable evenings in their lives. (For further particulars see current copy of *The Gunner*.)

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Not content with the foregoing, the 23rd Brigade Serjeants' Mess, R.A., gave a Farewell Dance on their tennis courts—a much appreciated and well-attended affair; and also held a "Point to Point" meeting. Sjt. Earle, of ours, is to be congratulated on succeeding in getting round the very stiff course arranged by that splendid horseman, Mr. Cook, who curiously enough was the only one injured—not by a fall, but by damaging a muscle in his leg, through his horse swerving at one of the jumps. Mr. Cook and your committee, we doff our hats to you!

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Sjt. Moore has succeeded "Tug" Willson as head clerk in the Orderly Room. We could not wish for a more worthy and capable successor, for one has but to know Sjt. Moore for a short period to become aware of his thoroughness, conscientiousness and devotion to his work.

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C.M.S. Beck, "the Musketry Wizard," is at present performing the duties of A/R.S.M.

We are all pleased to see R.Q.M.S. Atkinson out of Hospital and looking fit once more. The writer deplores the fact that he is not accompanying the Unit to Lahore, as matters stand at present, but he is buoyed up with the hope that he will follow up later.

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DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
December, 1928.

OUR notes for this month commence as from 27th November. On this date August and October Squads (Sjts. Chapman and Hunter) visited the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, and were shown the Colours of the Regiment which have been laid up there from time to time; and also the many Memorials to the Regiment which are to be found in

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SJT.-INSTRUCTOR B. THOMPSON.

that fine old church, and which are situated chiefly in what is known as the "Fusiliers' aisle." It has now become the custom for all Squads of Recruits to visit the Cathedral during their period of training at the Depôt.

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Two books, entitled "In Search of England" and "The Call of England," were sent to Mr. R. Thompson, the Senior Verger of the Cathedral. The books were inscribed:—

"To Mr. R. Thompson.

"From all Ranks, The Depôt, The Northumberland Fusiliers, as a mark of their appreciation of the interest which he takes in the Recruits of the Regiment."

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It is Mr. Thompson who always personally conducts each Squad round the Cathedral. The following letter has been received from him :—

"CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
19th December, 1928.

DEAR SIR,

"I most deeply appreciate the kindly gift to hand this morning, 'from all Ranks, The Depôt, The Northumberland Fusiliers,' and I would be most grateful if you would convey my very best thanks to them for these two excellent books by H. V. Morton, which I shall treasure in the memory of your glorious old Regiment, whose traditions are so closely connected with this Cathedral. It is always a great joy and privilege to me to be of service to anyone connected with the Northumberland Fusiliers, and I look forward to the periodical visits of the Recruits.

Yours sincerely,
R. THOMPSON, *Senior Verger.*"

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On 30th November, the A.D. of H. visited the Depôt from York. All Recruits were inspected by him in the Gymnasium.

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December 1st.—July Squad (Sjt. Peppiatt), the present Senior Squad, strength 29, proceeded on one week's leave, prior to their move to join the 1st Battalion at York.

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December 5th.—An examination for 3rd Class Certificates of Education was held on this date—53 candidates presented themselves from the Depôt. This is the highest number of candidates there has been sitting at any one examination during the past two years.

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On December 7th, the second of the monthly Dances arranged for the winter season was held by the Corporals' Club, 5th/68th R.D. It was very well attended, and was enjoyed by all. It is to be hoped that more members of the Corporals' Club will be able to attend the next Dance, early in January.

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We were exceedingly glad to see Capt. Redwood, who is paying us a short visit whilst over here on leave from West Africa. We are glad to see him looking so well, in spite of what he tells us of the rigours of the climate in those parts, which he assures us is a "bad show!"

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On 13th December an examination for 2nd Class Certificates of Education was held; 10 candidates presented themselves from the Depôt.

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On 14th December, the Inter-Depôt Boxing was held. The fighting was very clean and most interesting to watch, and though we were again the losers, our opponents are to be congratulated on putting up an excellent display, which perhaps rather outclassed us and so makes our defeat seem less disastrous than would at first appear. Both teams boxed well and showed plenty of spirit. We take this opportunity of thanking Captain Goddard, who refereed for us most ably; and Captain Rutherford (of the 6th Battalion) and Mr. Weber (of the Royal Artillery), who acted as judges. The arrangements made by the A.P.T. Staff were admirable, as usual. At the conclusion of the boxing, Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., Commanding the 5th Depôt, made a short speech, in which he emphasised the value of boxing in bringing out the team spirit, which was invaluable in life. He also complimented the competitors on the way in which they had fought throughout the competition. He then presented the Shield to Cpl. Curry, the captain of the 68th team. Results of the competition are given elsewhere in these notes.

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On the 15th, Captain Hogshaw proceeded on leave, closely followed by Mr. Stockley on the 16th. They have both left for the space of one month.

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On the 16th, a most interesting boxing competition was held by the 6th Battalion (T.A.), in their Drill Hall at St. Mary's Place, in the City. This was the first night of their Regimental eliminating rounds, prior to the Territorial Army Championship, and some excellent fighting was witnessed. Special contests were fought by selected Recruits from the 5th/68th R.D. Our representatives were :—

Recruit Fus. Cranner (July Squad).
,, Fus. Irving (August Squad).
,, Fus. Taylor (August Squad).
,, Fus. Keeble (October Squad).

All four acquitted themselves well, and gave an exhibition of good, clean boxing in each case. Cups and Medals were very kindly presented to the competitors (winners and runners-up) by Lt.-Col. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., Commanding the 6th Battalion.

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Since our last notes we have been very pleased to see the following :—Mr. G. C. Humphreys (2nd Bn.), Mr. F. H. Butterfield, Mr. R. P. Whelan, Mr. W. P. Jones (W.A.F.F.), Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., and Mr. F. C. Clayton, M.C. (6th Bn).

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On the 11th, a draft of 22 other Ranks arrived from the 2nd Battalion, and proceeded on leave on the following day, prior to being transferred to the Army Reserve or being discharged.

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On 21st December, July Squad (Sjt. Peppiatt) left the Depôt to join the 1st Battalion at York. Mr. Pringle was in charge of the party. Their final inspection was carried out by the Commanding Officer on Thursday, 20th December.

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On 21st December, the Annual Married Families' Christmas Tree and Tea was held, in the Gymnasium, in conjunction with the Durham Light Infantry. About 200 assembled for tea and games, followed up by the presentation from an illuminated Christmas Tree of toys to all the children.

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Again we have to thank Col. Roddam for his kindness in presenting a very handsome tree. The children appeared all to enjoy themselves very much, and danced and romped to such familiar tunes as "Blaydon Races" and "The more we are together." Towards the close of the afternoon the lights were lowered, when Father Christmas suddenly appeared from above and presented gifts from the tree. He was a very well disguised Father Christmas, in his red robes and flowing beard, in the person of Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) B. Letchfield, Durham Light Infantry. Most of the Officers of the two Depôts were present, and the entertainment was a great success.

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We have to acknowledge the following gifts to the Regimental Museum now being formed at the Depôt. We hope to forward full details regarding the Museum in the January number of the *St. George's Gazette*. Our most grateful thanks are due to the following donors :—

C.Q.M.S. Lewis—German dagger (Hooge).
Lce.-Sjt. Horlington—a German helmet.
Capt. J. H. Maynard—two 4.5 Howitzer shell cases (Baghdad), a Koran (Nigeria), a clip of Etson bullets, a praying board (Sokoto).
Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) J. Wardle—a pistol (used in Franco-German War).
Colonel D. Sapte—a complete set bound volumes of *St. George's Gazette* since publication.

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During the past month Q.M.S. I. F. Horlock attended a Course at the H.Q. Gymnasium, Aldershot.

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Lce.-Cpl. Buchanan and Fus. Harnett arrived at the Depôt for a Tour of Duty.

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We congratulate the following :—

Cpl. J. Taylor on his promotion to that rank.
Fus. Coulton on gaining a 1st Class Certificate. He gained a " Distinguished " in Mathematics and Geography.
Lce.-Cpl. Thornton on passing in Map Reading.

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Cpl. Smart, Lce.-Cpl. Ward, and Fus. Gregory have been re-posted to the 1st Battalion.

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The following were awarded 2nd Class Certificates of Education, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, dated 8th November, 1928 :—

No. 4264449 Fus. R. A. McTeer.
No. 4266399 Fus. R. T. Ainslie.
No. 4266517 Fus. W. Stevens.
No. 4266533 Fus. N. Rogers.

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During the past month we have lost the following members of the Depôt Staff :—

No. 3590843 Fus. R. Smith, discharged, 28/11/28.
No. 7077315 Fus. J. H. Sergeant, transferred to Army Reserve, 7/12/28.

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During the period 1st October to 31st December, 1928, the Depôt received 85 Recruits, who were recruited from the following places :—London (19), Durham (10), Sunderland (9), Newcastle-upon-Tyne (27), Middlesborough (17), Bishop Auckland (3).

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It will be of interest to readers to know the various trades to which they belonged before enlistment, and they were as follows :—

London.—1 Warehouseman, 1 Butcher, 1 Storeman, 1 Farmer, 1 Biscuit Maker, 1 Messenger, 2 Labourers, 1 Turner, 2 Clerks, 1 Driller, 1 Pastry Cook, 1 Porter, 1 Greaser, 1 Cellarman, 2 Waiters and 1 Seaman.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.—14 Miners, 9 Labourers, 1 Laundry Hand, 1 Caulker, 1 Painter, 1 Farm Hand.
Durham.—7 Miners, 1 Farm Hand, 1 Labourer-Hawker.
Middlesborough.—11 Labourers, 3 Farm Hands, 1 Vanman, 1 Printer, 1 Driller.
Sunderland.—5 Miners, 1 Seaman, 1 Grocer's Assistant, 1 Labourer, 1 Hawker.
Bishop Auckland.—3 Miners.

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This month at the Depôt we lose, with great regret, the services of Sjt.-Instr. B. Thompson, of the Army Educational Corps, who leaves us for India, after six years at the Depôt. Education now forms such an important part of the curriculum of a Recruit's training, that a really enthusiastic and capable Instructor, with the personality to instruct, is a great asset. Sjt. Thompson has fulfilled these qualities admirably, and has done excellent work here. Besides his ordinary parade hours of education, he has been always of great assistance to those sitting for 1st and 2nd Class Certificates, and has been of great value in educating and instructing Recruits in Regimental History.

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During his time the School has been converted into a bright and attractive seat of learning. Educational Certificate results have been excellent, as during his period of six years here only 57 Recruits have left the Depôt without 3rd Class Certificates. Other results are as follows :—

3rd Class Certificates	1208
2nd Class Certificates	198
1st Class Certificates	12
Special Certificates	1

(besides numerous candidates partially qualified).

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We wish him the best of luck in India, and should the 2nd Battalion require a vacancy for Educational Serjeant we hope he will be selected. We welcome his successor, Sjt.-Instr. Gent, A.E.C.

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We were very pleased indeed to receive Christmas cards from the following :—Col. A. J. B. Church and Officers, R.A.P.C., York ; Lt.-Col. G. C. G. Blunt and Officers, R.A.S.C., Catterick ; Warrant Officers, Staff Serjeants and Serjeants, 5th/68th R.D. ; Lt.-Col. J. H. Gibbon, D.S.O., and H.Q. 21st Field Brigade, Royal Artillery ; Lt.-General Sir Cameron Shute and H.Q. Northern Command ; Major F. C. Prickett ; The Officers, The Depôt, The East Yorkshire Regt. ; Lt.-Col. S. H. Kershaw and Officers, 2nd Bn., The Fifth Fusiliers ; Durham School P.T.C. ; Lt.-Col. H. E. Stanley-Murray and Officers, 2nd Bn. The Middlesex Regt. ; Major A. T. le M. Utterson and Officers, Depôt, Leicestershire Regt. ; Major Robert Auld ; Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert and Officers, 1st Bn., The Fifth Fusiliers ; Major A. A. Fenn and Officers, Depôt, The Sherwood Foresters ; The Officers, Depôt, The Durham Light Infantry ; The Officers, 38th/64th Regimental Depôts ; Mr. W. M. C. Crawhall ; Small Arms School, Hythe ; Lt.-Col. W. Platt ; Major J. W. Malcolm, R.A.M.C. ; Major C. N. Jervelund and Officers, Depôt, Green Howards ; Rev. R. O. Hall ; Mr. R. Forbes Watson ; Major H. E. Pickering and Officers, Depôt, West Yorkshire Regt. ; Brigadier H. Clementi Smith and Officers, Signal Training Centre, Catterick ; Lt.-Col. The Hon. H. B. Robson and Officers, 7th Bn., The Northumberland Fusiliers ; Lt.-Col. Cruddas and All Ranks, 4th Bn., The Northumberland Fusiliers ; Members of the Serjeants' Mess, 1st Bn., The Northumberland Fusiliers ; Major-General H. W. Newcome and Officers, H.Q., Northumbrian Area ; Col. H. R. Sandilands ; Col. and Mrs. E. B. Gordon ; The Officers, 21st Field Brigade, The Royal Artillery ; Capt. W. H. N. Dent ; Major G. M. Ellison and Officers, Depôt, The Lincolnshire Regt. ; The Captain and Officers, Tyne District

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R.N.V.R., H.M.S. *Helicon*; Lloyds Bank, Limited; Lt.-Col. A. W. Stokes and Officers, Royal Engineers, Catterick; Major M. N. Cox and Officers, Depôt, Duke of Wellington's Regt.; Major and Mrs. Kenneth Williams; The Officers, Depôt, York and Lancaster Regt.; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Landon; The Secretary, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society; King William's College O.T.C., Isle of Man; Liverpool Institute O.T.C.; Lieut.-General Sir George Cory; Major H. R. Neale and Officers, R.A.S.C., Catterick Camp; Major Manley and Officers, Depôt, The Border Regiment, Major R. V. Turner, Durham Light Infantry; Durham University O.T.C.; Major G. H. Kent and Officers, Depôt, K.O.Y.L.I.

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These notes were closed on 21st December. Any further Christmas cards received will be acknowledged in the January number of the *Gazette*.

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The following is an extract from the *Newcastle Journal and North Star*, dated 20/12/28:—

"Commencing on January 7th, a series of six-day courses for personnel of the 149th (Northumberland) Infantry Brigade (T.A.) will be held at the Northumberland Fusiliers' Depôt, at Newcastle Barracks; these include instruction in Section-Leading, Lewis Gun, Machine Gun, Infantry Range-finder, Drill, and Intelligence duties. It is interesting to note that the excellent liaison maintained between the Depôt and the four Territorial Battalions is now being augmented by the 1st (Regular) Battalion, now stationed at York, which is lending Instructors for the Machine Gun and Range-finder Courses. The War Office recently announced that in 1930 the Territorial Battalions are to adopt the present peace organisation of Regulation Battalions—H.Q. Wing, three Rifle Companies, and a Machine Gun Company—and it has already been decided that 'D' (Berwick) Company of the 7th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers shall form the Machine Gun Company. The proposed courses should do much to help in creating a reserve of Machine Gunners."

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The following are the results of football matches played during the past month:—

Garrison League.

3/12/28. Depôt *v.* "Y" Battery, 21st Field Brigade R.A. Won by 6 goals to 2.

Fus. Mullen.
Fus. Adamson. Dmr. Stockton.
Sjt. Bowker. Lce.-Cpl. Gray. Lce.-Sjt. Graham
Lce.-Cpl. Avery. Fus. McDonald. Cpl. Taylor. Cpl. Jarmain. Sjt. Cross.

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17/12/28. Depôt *v.* "Z" Battery, 21st Field Brigade R.A. Won by 4 goals to 3.

Fus. Harnett.
Fus. Mullen. Dmr. Stockton.
Fus. Maddison. Fus. Ellison. Fus. Mathwin.
Fus. McDonald. Fus. Sanderson (R.E.). Fus. Cuthbert. Fus. Adamson. Fus. Barnes.

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The League Table (dated 18/12/28) is appended:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	*U.	Pts.
Depôt, D.L.I.	4	3	1	0	–	7
Depôt, 5th Fusiliers	4	3	0	1	–	6
H.Q., R.A.	4	1	0	2	1	2
"Z" Battery, R.A.	4	0	2	2	–	2
"Y" Battery, R.A. ..	4	0	1	2	1	1

* Unknown. No results received.

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Mid-Week Cup. First Round.

5/12/28. Depôt *v.* Wallsend Tradesmen. Away. Won by 9 goals to 2.

Fus. Gofton.
Sjt. Peppiatt. Dmr. Stockton.
Lce.-Cpl. Avery. Lce.-Sjt. Graham. Lce.-Cpl. Gray.
Fus. Cuthbert. Sjt. Cross. Cpl. Taylor. Cpl. Jarmain. Fus. Beveridge.

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Tyneside Wednesday Amateur League.

12/12/28. Depôt *v.* 21st Field Brigade R.A. Lost by 5 goals to 1.

Fus. Gofton.
Dmr. McCartney. Dmr. Stockton.
Lce.-Cpl. Avery. Sjt. Peppiatt. Lce.-Sjt. Graham.
Fus. Cuthbert. Sjt. Cross. Cpl. Taylor. Cpl. Jarmain. Fus. Beveridge.

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Extract from League Table:—

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A.	Pts.
12	5	7	0	37.29	10

BOXING.

5th/68th Inter-Depot Boxing Competition.

(14th December, 1928.)

Light-Weights.

Fus. Lynch (5th) / Pte. Fitzpatrick (68th)	Fitzpatrick	Fus. Yelland (5th) / Pte. Goundry (68th)	Goundry
Fus. Farrow (5th) / Pte. Fleury (68th)	Fleury	Fus. Gofton (5th) / Pte. Banks (68th)	Banks

Feather-Weights.

Fus. Cranner (5th) / Pte. Metcalfe (68th)	Cranner	Fus. Taylor (5th) / Pte. Marrs (68th)	Taylor
Fus. Baker (5th) / Pte. Walton (68th)	Walton	Fus. Ashbridge (5th) / Pte. Fairley (68th)	Fairley

Bantam-Weights.

Fus. Wright (5th) / Pte. Readman (68th)	Readman	Fus. Richardson (5th) / Pte. Soulsby (68th)	Soulsby
Fus. Shearer (5th) / Pte. Johnson (68th)	Shearer		

Welter-Weights.

Fus. Irving (5th) / Pte. Conn (68th)	Irving	Fus. Maughan (5th) / Pte. Gray (69th)	Gray

Middle-Weights.

Fus. Hannant (5th) / Pte. Percival (68th)	Percival	Fus. Colman (5th) / Pte. Know (68th)	Know
Fus. Fleming (5th) / Pte. Lavering (68th)	Fleming		

Light Heavy-Weights.

Fus. Phillips (5th) / Pte. Wilkinson (68th)	Wilkinson	Fus. Keeble (5th) / Pte. Waterman (68th)	Keeble

Total Points 68th R.D. 30
5th Fusiliers 24

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4th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
21st December, 1928.

FROM the point of view of the writer of these notes, Christmas could not well fall on a more awkward date: the writer is faced with the problem of writing in a cheerful style, befitting the season, on an event which is still in the future, but which by the time these notes are published will be in the past. Under the circumstances, it appears superfluous to say any more, since the reader will be far more familiar with the subject than the scribe. We therefore only record our hope that by the time this appears in print all members of the Battalion, past and present, will have spent a very happy Christmas, and will enjoy a prosperous New Year.

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From the Battalion point of view, we have no grudge against the Old Year, which has seen an all-round improvement in the efficiency of the Battalion. The Signalling Section is particularly to be congratulated on the results of the year's training. If this improvement is maintained, we may look forward to having a complete Section of Classified Signallers in camp.

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In the matter of Sport, we again won the Brigade Football Championship, but failed to wrest the Cross-Country Cup from the 6th Battalion. The achievement of this result should be one of our resolutions for next year.

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Our greatest need at the moment is to raise the strength of the Battalion, which can only be done by obtaining a sufficient number of recruits of the right stamp. The best recruiting agents for the Battalion are the men of the Battalion, and it is hoped that everyone will make an earnest resolve to do his utmost to bring the Battalion up to full strength during the coming year.

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T.A. Football Championship.

DIVISIONAL SEMI-FINALS.

4th Bn. North'd. Fus. v. 4th Bn. The East Yorks. Regt.

This match was played at Newburn, on Wednesday, 12th December, and resulted in a draw, the score being 2—2.

4TH B. NORTH'D. FUS.—

Fus. Frazer.
Fus. Weddle. Fus. Parker.
Fus. Cuthbertson. Fus. Nicholson. Cpl. March.
Fus. Stones. 2nd-Lieut. Neville. Fus. Dickman. Sjt. Turner.
Lce.-Cpl. Tiffin.

Goal scorer—Fus. Dickman (2).

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The football throughout was of a high standard, and our team showed themselves superior throughout, except in front of our opponents' goal, where they failed lamentably, missing chance after chance. On the whistle sounding for time, it was impossible to play extra time, owing to the failing light. A replay was therefore decided on for Thursday, 20th December, at Hull.

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Several alterations were made in our team for the replay, which was composed as under:—

Fus. Frazer.
Fus. Weddle. Fus. Parker.
Fus. Schollick. Fus. Nicholson. L/Cpl. Laverick.
Fus. Stones. Fus. Dickman. Cpl. March. Fus. Watts.
Lce.-Cpl. Tiffin.

The replay commenced at 2 p.m., in bright sunshine, on the Hull City ground, which, though cutting up towards the end, was in good condition.

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We pressed strongly at the start, and a goal was soon scored by March. Watts shortly after added a second. Our team then appeared to go to pieces for a while, and play was confined to our own half. Weddle, however, succeeded in clearing and started a movement which ended in a third goal for Watts, leaving us 3 goals to the good at half-time. On changing over, Dickman added a fourth goal from a fine long shot. Stones added a fifth, and two more were quickly scored by Dickman and Tiffin. The whole team played good hard football throughout, and it is invidious to mention anyone in particular.

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The 4th East Yorks only threatened seriously on two or three occasions, the most dangerous of which was a penalty, which Frazer succeeded in stopping, and eventually clearing from the goal mouth.

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Our next match will be against the 7th Bn. D.L.I. at Sunderland, in the 50th Division Finals, and by all accounts they are a hot team, so we shall have our work cut out to beat them.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
27th December, 1928.

DECEMBER is perhaps the deadest of the dead months in the Territorial Army. Feeble prods from Battalion Headquarters during this period of deepest deadness are rewarded by only the sleepiest of grunts from the more far-spread components of this important body. The brain works, of course, feverishly and incessantly, but we fear without appreciation.

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Gazette notes should be despatched to the Editor on the 23rd day of the month. The 23rd of this month fell on a Sunday, and no true Christian works on Sundays, not even at the compiling of *Gazette* notes. On that day, however, we turned over in our minds 13 snappy, witty, and well-turned paragraphs of such literary merit as would, we hoped, make our rivals green with professional envy.

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The next day was Christmas Eve. Only 7 of the 13 snappy, etc., paragraphs now remained in memory, and the outline of these became a little blurred as the day wore on. Besides, who writes *Gazette* notes on Christmas Eve?

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And you all know what day follows Christmas Eve, and you may know what happens on that day, even if, in the T.A., there be no C.O.'s procession moving its wobbly way from Mess to Mess.

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And after that is Boxing Day. And it is so easy on Boxing Day to (*a*) dally a while over meals, (*b*) doze after meals, and (*c*) fill up a lot of time winding up toys and doing fretwork to help (?) the children.

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And here's the 27th, and that's to-day. And the only item of the 13 that can be recalled is that our strength is now 494—an increase of 3 on last month's figures and the first indication

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of the turning of the tide which has ebbed steadily since June. We hope to see that tide flowing more fully during January.

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The preceding paragraph reads like a director's half-yearly report. If the terms " ebb " and " flow " have been used the wrong way round we trust the Editor to do the square thing by us before it gets into print.

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On Friday, 4th January, all Ranks at Alnwick are to meet in the Drill Hall for dinner at 7.30 p.m., and any Officer or man of the Alnwick Detachment who may not have received a separate invitation is requested to act on this notice.

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From 9.30 p.m. onwards there will be dancing to the strains of Mr. Wilcox's Orchestra, and as each soldier is to produce two other males of recruitable age, *plus* three ladies, our " do " should bring together the youth and beauty of the neighbourhood.

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The more astute of our readers may have suspected already that the underlying purpose of all the gaiety is to collect recruits. That no doubt may be left in the minds of our guests, a small pamphlet, containing a large kick, will be issued at the door.

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We hope to enlist the sympathy and co-operation of the fair sex by the strategy outlined above. At the moment the ladies do not help much. We admit that they assist in the producing of the raw material, but from birth onwards the modern male appears not to be encouraged by his " ma " to join the Territorial Army.

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" B " Company, at Ashington, had a very happy party on the evening of 13th December. The men and friends assembled about 150 strong, and we had songs and sandwiches and speeches and a clog dance and coffee, and " a bit crack " all round. A most homely and happy affair, which has got " B " Company whole-heartedly with the C.O. in this recruiting business. The C.O. and Adjutant were both present and enjoyed their sandwiches and coffee, and, indeed, their own stirring speeches, as much as anybody.

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Our Regimental Christmas Card sold like hot cakes, but, as usual, sold most rapidly after they were sold out. This card was designed and produced in October, notices sent out and samples displayed in Drill Halls. On 1st December no order had been received, and we were tossing up to decide who should pay for the samples. The pace quickened, however, in December, and on 'Xmas Eve folk were lightheartedly enquiring on the telephone for " another fifty." They pictured, presumably, that the caretaker was making them on the office typewriter. Gale and Polden had, however, definitely thrown up the sponge a week earlier.

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So October is not early enough for 'Xmas Cards. It will be designed next year in June, and any orders for 'Xmas 1929 may be placed with the Adjutant now.

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We thank all those who remembered us during the 'Xmas Season. The collection of 'Xmas Cards at H.Q. is excellent in quality and quantity—no friend or Unit appears to have forgotten us, and we had a most welcome telegram of greetings from the Colonel of the Regiment. We wish all a very prosperous and happy New Year, and particularly we wish for happier times in 1929 for those of our men, and there are many, who are suffering so bitterly as a result of unemployment in the mining areas.

Letters to the Editor.

THE ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY.

Empire Day Movement Committee.

To the Editor of " St. George's Gazette."

THE EMPIRE DAY MOVEMENT,
THE ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY,
NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE,
W.C. 2.

6th December, 1928.

SIR,

May I take the opportunity of reminding your readers of the advantages of limiting purchases, as far as practicable, to Empire produce. Those who visited the Empire Marketing Board's section at the Cookery Exhibition recently held in London were able to realise the extensive array of choice foodstuffs that can be bought from the Overseas Dominions—fresh fruits, flour and cheese from Canada, dried and canned fruits, butter and honey from Australia, meat from New Zealand, and fresh fruits from South Africa—for purposes of comparison with similar foreign commodities.

Then there is the economic aspect of the question. The Overseas Dominions are our best customers. Australia, for example, bought from this country in 1927 goods to the value of £9 18s. 5d. per head, as compared with Greece's 14s. 4d., Germany's 13s. 1d., Spain's 9s., America's 7s. 7d., and France's 6s. 8d. New Zealand, with a tiny population of about one and a half million, spent over £19,000,000, or £13 16s. 2d. per head; while Canada expended just over £3 per head on British goods in the year mentioned.

It is obvious that if greater purchases of the Dominions' goods are made, there will be a greater fund available for them to spend on British manufactured goods.

Apart, however, from every other consideration, it behoves us to support our own kith and kin across the seas.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
(signed) W. A. WAYLAND.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
31st December, 1928.

To the Editor of " St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st October and 31st December, 1928, as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Col. Lord Algernon Percy	5	0	0
Lt.-Col. F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G.	3	3	0
Officers' Mess, 3rd Bn. North'd. Fusiliers	33	3	7
Major B. T. St. John	10	0	0
Lt.-Col. W. H. Ritson, C.M.G., V.D.	1	1	0
" A Friend," per Major B. T. St. John	1	1	0
G. W. Grigg, Esq.	1	1	0

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	£	s.	d.
Major K. Greville Williams, O.B.E.	5	0	0
Collected by Major K. Greville Williams, O.B.E.	14	2	0
Br.-Gen. Hon. C. Lambton, D.S.O.	5	0	0
35th Battalion, per United Services Trustee	31	0	6
Lt.-Col. A. C. Hardman Jones	1	0	0
Major S. S. Flower, O.B.E., and Mrs. Flower (10th and 11th parcel)			
Clothing and shoes			
Alfred Brewis, Esq. (3rd parcel) — Clothing and boots			
Major C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C. (5th parcel) — Clothing and boots			
Capt. and Mrs. G. E. D. Waddilove (13th parcel) — Clothing and boots			
Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Officers, 1st Battalion			
Christmas Greetings			
Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., and Officers, Depôt — Christmas Greetings			
Messrs. G. W. Grigg and Son, Ltd. — 1,500 Forms of Application for Aid			
Miss Fenwicke Clennell — Clothing and boots			
The Lord Ravensworth (7th parcel) — Clothing			
Mrs. C. O. P. Gibson (7th parcel) — Clothing and boots			

Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (LT.-COL.),
Secretary and Treasurer.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
BENSON,
OXFORD,
December, 1928.

WE are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927. Price 10/- each.

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Will everyone please note that Thursday, 18th April, has been fixed as the date for the Northumberland Fusiliers Aid Society Ball, to be held at the Old Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. It is impossible to hold it on any date in St. George's Week, owing to other functions, which would tend to affect the attendance.

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To all those who so kindly sent us cards of Christmas Greeting we extend our warmest thanks, and offer them the reciprocation of all the good wishes that their various cards conveyed to us.

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The accompanying photograph should have appeared in the last issue, but owing to a slight error on the part of the photographer it was sent to the wrong office and did not reach us in time to publish it with the 149th Infantry Brigade Notes, to which it rightfully belonged. It seems, to our Editorial mind, to be of such historical importance that we have no hesitation in risking an accusation of redundant Editing by publishing it in these notes. The names of the Officers are :—Col. W. St. A. Warde-Aldham, D.S.O., Lieut. F. H. Butterfield, Lieut. T. Bennett, M.C., Capt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C., Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., Capt. J. T. Leese (N. Stafford Regt.), and Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C.

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We apologise to some of our correspondents for cutting out parts of their MSS. this month. Whether it is the Xmas feeling, or what, we do not know, but so much MS. is to hand that we are flooded out.

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Subscriptions due in January :—

Capt. Allgood	Major H. M. Heyder
Lieut. Bennett, M.C.	Mr. J. Pearce
Capt. E. Chipper	Mrs. Platt
Mr. G. Chislett	Serjeants' Mess, 6th Battalion
Mrs. M. G. Cole	Bandmaster A. Stafford
Major N. B. N. Good	Mr. C. Turner
Mrs. M. G. Carden	Col. W. St. G. Warde-Aldham, D.S.O.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mr. C. F. Baker — Capt. C. R. L. English
Mrs. Arkwright

Photo] [*E. W. Gosman.*

COL. W. ST. A. WARDE-ALDHAM, D.S.O., AND THE ADJUTANTS OF THE 1ST BN., DEPOT, 4TH, 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH BATTALIONS.

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OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

ANNUAL General Meeting and Social Dance will be held at Headquarters, the Veterans Club, Hand Court, Holborn, at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. respectively, on Wednesday, 30th January, 1929.

The Committee trust that members will make every effort to be present, as a high-class programme has been arranged by Mr. R. Ahronson, whose abilities in this direction are well known to many of the 1st and 3rd Battalions, and, judging by the attendance at the last General Meeting, it would seem that the support which he deserves is forthcoming, and we look forward to our future gatherings to be well worthy of our Fifth Fusiliers' Old Comrades' Association in London.

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It is regretted that our Vice-President, W. Lees, Esq., who has been laid up with muscular rheumatism, has not been able to be amongst us for a considerable time, but latest reports state that he is at present undergoing the cure at Buxton, in Derbyshire, and is making satisfactory progress. He has been one of the pillars of the Association since its inception.

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The Association continues to make great progress in regards to membership, but it is regretted that many of our members are still unemployed, and particularly is this the case amongst young Fusiliers who have been discharged from the Regiment during the last twelve months.

The Hon. Secretary would therefore be most grateful to any of the FIFTH who could assist him in solving this great problem. Particulars would be furnished immediately on application.

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The Committee send their best wishes to the Association in Newcastle-on-Tyne, which from reports appears to have made a most satisfactory start. This means another step towards fostering the *esprit-de-corps* of the Regiment.

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Deceased.—Mr. Geo. Bristow, 2nd Battalion, 19, Mount Street, Charlton, S.E. 7. Died at his daughter's home in Doncaster. Buried at Charlton Cemetery, at 11.45 a.m., on Saturday, 22nd December, 1928.

A letter of condolence was sent by the O.C.A. It being too late to send a wreath, or for any arrangements for us to be represented at the funeral, owing to the shortness of notice.

Newcastle-on-Tyne Branch.

The fourth General Meeting of the Association was held in St. George's Drill Hall, at 7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, 5th December. The following account of the meeting appeared in the *Journal and North Star* of 6th December :—

"OLD COMRADES OF 'FIGHTING FIFTH.'

"ASSOCIATION FORMED.

"With the object of keeping all ex-Regular Fusiliers in touch with each other, and maintaining *esprit-de-corps* by means of social gatherings, the Northumberland Fusiliers' Old Comrades' Association has been formed in Newcastle—the home of the Regiment.

"About 300 Old Fusiliers gathered at a meeting of the Association in St. George's Drill Hall, Newcastle, last night, when the rules were gone through and new members enrolled. The Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., was the President of the Association, and it was decided to invite the Lord Mayor (Councillor Arthur W. Lambert, M.C.), who is an ex-Officer of the Regiment, to become a Vice-President.

"Ex-R.S.M. C. Mercer presided, and after the meeting a Concert was given, at which old favourites of the Regiment appeared.

"Mr. C. M. Robinson, 14, Airey Terrace, Gateshead, is the Hon. Secretary of the Association."

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The following notes, in amplification of the above account, are made, as it is hoped that they may be of interest to prospective members, or members who were unable to be present at the meeting.

The Rules, as drafted by the Executive Committee, and based on the Rules of the London Association, were read and passed, with the following modifications :—

Rule 8. ACCOUNTS. The financial year of the Association to close on 31st December, and not on St. George's Day, as previously arranged. The first financial year of the Association to end 31st December, 1929.

Rule 13. SUBSCRIPTIONS. Officers commissioned from the Ranks 5s. per annum.

The Rules of the Association will be printed in full in January issue.

This concluded the business part of the meeting. The programme of the Concert which followed is appended :—

1.	Acrobatic Step Dance ..	Mr. Eric Lawson.
2.	Song	Mr. Montgomery.
3.	Song	Mr. Charles Langtry.
4.	Accordion Solo	Mr. Moody.
5.	Ventriloquist	"Questo."
6.	Song	Mr. Rogers.
7.	Monologue	Mr. J. Smith.
8.	Song	——
9.	Song	Mr. Rogers.
10.	Ventriloquist	"Questo."

Thanks to the splendid efforts of the artistes, a very enjoyable evening was spent, the meeting finally breaking up shortly before midnight.

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Up to date there are 35 members of the Association, and 78 others have signified their intention of joining. It must be remembered that the Association will be only two months old on the 10th of January, 1929.

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The next meeting of the Association will take place in St. George's Drill Hall, at 7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, 9th January, 1929.

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A Committee Meeting was held at Fenham Barracks on Sunday, 16th December, 1928. The Hon. Treasurer presided. In opening the meeting, he said that the object of the meeting was to give an opportunity to Officials of the Association to become conversant with the activities of the O.C.A. to date, and to consider the Association's immediate future.

Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt made a statement with regard to the Association's activities to date.

Q.M.S. Wardle explained the situation with regard to all matters of printing, and the Association's books. He also read all correspondence that had passed between the Association and the President of the Association and the O.C. 6th Battalion respectively.

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The minutes of the meeting are appended :—

Present.—Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. (*Hon. Treasurer*) ; Mr. Mercer (*Chairman*) ; Mr. Robinson (*Hon. Secretary*) ; Messrs. Eltringham, Bennett, Pickering, Mower and Bone (*Committee*) ; Mr. Brooks (*Member*) ; Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt and Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Wardle (*Hon. Members*).

Rules.—The " proof " of the Rules submitted by the Printers was approved.

Badges.—The Hon. Secretary was authorised to negotiate with Messrs. Reid's, of Blackett Street, for the supply of Association Badges. Badges to be of similar pattern to those of the London Branch, not to cost more than 1s. 6d. each, and to be ready by 5th January, 1929. If Messrs. Reids are not able to comply with these conditions, Hon. Secretary authorised to negotiate with firm supplying London Association's Badges. Hon. Secretary to return specimen Badge to Hon. Secretary, London Association Branch, on completion. Badges to be issued FREE *to all members* who have paid their subscriptions in full.

Printing.—The printing or typing of the following was approved :—Application for Membership Card, Notification of Meetings Card, Membership Card, Receipts for Donations, Receipts for Subscriptions, Banker's Orders, Association Note-paper.

Books.—The following were inspected by the Committee and approved :—Minute Book, Subscription Book, List of Members and their Addresses, Postage Account, Correspondence Book, Unemployment Register, and Registration Form.

Finance.—The Hon. Treasurer stated that the Balance Credit (at Bank and cash) was £28 9s. (16th December, 1928).

Entertainers.—It was agreed that in future any concert artistes not members of the O.C.A. should be paid, and should not receive refreshments.

Vice-President.—The Hon. Treasurer undertook to approach Capt. A. W. Lambert, M.C., with regard to the Vice-Presidency of the Association.

Vice-Chairman.—Mr. H. Brooks was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

Membership Cards.—It was agreed that suitably printed Membership Cards should be issued to :—

(*a*) All those who had paid all or any part of their subscription.

(*b*) All those who had signified their intention of becoming members.

That any person not in possession of an Association Badge or Membership Card (other than Honorary Members) should not be admitted to any functions of the Association.

Presentation of Badges.—Agreed that should Capt. A. W. Lambert, M.C., accept the Vice-Presidency, he should be asked to present badges at the next meeting, on 9th January, 1929. Should he be unable to accept the Vice-Presidentship, or should he accept but be unable to attend, the Hon. Treasurer was authorised to approach a suitable person with regard to this matter, and that Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 1st Battalion, should in any case be invited to attend the meeting.

Next Meeting.—Agreed that the next meeting should take place, as already arranged, in St. George's Drill Hall, at 7.30 p.m., on 9th January, 1929. That the meeting, apart from the presentation of badges, should be a Re-union ; no special arrangements for entertainment to be made. Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt undertook to make necessary arrangements for next meeting with O.C. 6th Battalion, and to communicate arrangements made to Committee.

" *Gazette* " *Notes.*—Agreed that O.C. Depôt, in his capacity of Hon. Treasurer, be responsible for sending O.C.A. Notes to the Editor of *St. George's Gazette.*

Advertisements.—Agreed that meetings be advertised in :—*Newcastle Journal and North Star, North Mail, Evening Chronicle,* and *Sunderland Echo.*

(signed) C. M. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.

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A list of donations received is appended. The Hon. Treasurer has acknowledged each donation, but the Committee, on behalf of the Association, wish to express their sincere appreciation of these timely gifts, which will do much to put the Association on a firm footing in its early stages :—

	£	s.	d.
Capt. M. O. Blackett-Ord	1	1	0
Brig.-Gen. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O.	1	0	0
Brig.-Gen. T. G. L. H. Armstrong, C.B.E. ..	0	10	0
Messrs. Davison and Wood, Ltd.	1	1	0
Lt.-Col. T. W. Carthew, D.S.O.	2	2	0
Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.	2	2	0
Col. E. W. Dashwood, C.B.E.	1	0	0
Major B. T. St. John	1	0	0
Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas	1	0	0
Brig.-Gen. F. L. Festing, C.B., C.M.G.	1	0	0

ARMY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION.

Regimental Officers' Courses.

THE WAR OFFICE,
26th November, 1928.

IT has been decided to reduce the length of the Courses for Regimental Officers at the Officers' Wing, Army School of Education, Shorncliffe, from 10 to 5 weeks, and to hold 8 Courses instead of 4. The first Course under these revised conditions will be held from 14th January to 16th February, 1929, and the remaining Courses for 1929 will be held 8th April to 11th May, 13th May to 15th June, 22nd July to 24th August, 26th August to 28th September, 14th October to 16th November, and 18th November to 21st December. The vacancies have been allotted among the Home Commands and the British Rhine Army for the Course beginning in January.

SMOKING IMPERIALLY.

ALTHOUGH tobacco-growing is not included in Army Vocational Training, I went, after being "demobbed," to Southern Rhodesia to try my luck as a tobacco farmer. My capital was slender, but a war gratuity and a small pension gave me courage. Up till then my knowledge of tobacco was confined to such as I had gleaned from the outsides and insides of numerous packets of " fags." Rhodesia at once fascinated me. I worked for a year as a pupil with an established farmer, who, fortunately, was a good man with tobacco. Before the year was up I was earning a salary as well as my

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keep. (Military experience proved of real value in handling native labour.) Then I took up land "on my own." I put up a couple of thatched huts as my homestead, bought some draught cattle, engaged my own natives, cleared and ploughed a patch of ground, planted my seed-beds, burned bricks, built a tobacco barn and parted with almost my last penny of capital. It was a plunge, but that year the rains were normal and the prices good.

It is not difficult to grow tobacco in Southern Rhodesia; the climate and soil are ideal. It is curing tobacco that needs skill. One can waste a whole year's effort by inexperience or carelessness in harvesting or curing.

There are four methods of curing tobacco—air curing, sun curing, fire curing and flue curing.

The "bright" Virginian tobacco, to which we in Rhodesia devote most of our energies and which is used in cigarettes, is flue-cured. It is the most scientific and up-to-date method. The heat is supplied by pipes led from furnaces outside the barn. The leaves are first yellowed, then the colour is fixed, and lastly they are dried. The desired lemon colour is obtained only by constant control of the temperature and humidity during these three phases, which last continuously for several days. The least slip spoils the whole barnful. Then comes the grading, another skilled job.

Rhodesia produces all the grades, varieties and qualities of cigarette and pipe tobaccos which at present reach Great Britain from foreign countries. There is a Rhodesia tobacco to suit all tastes, and Imperial Preference helps it to suit all pockets. And yet to-day there are millions of pounds lying unsold at the English Docks, while foreign stuff, that is no better and no cheaper, pours into the country. This is the only reason that I do not recommend other ex-Service men, at present, to come out here.

All Rhodesian tobacco that goes to England goes in the leaf and is made up for smokers by English manufacturers and English labour. It is all grown by Britishers, of which at least half are ex-Service men. We are having a very lean and anxious time just now, because the people at Home will persist in smoking foreign tobacco.

During eleven months for which I have figures, England imported 152,484,025 lbs. of American tobacco. This gave direct employment to about 74,000 growers, as well as many others indirectly engaged in the Industry—in all about 100,000. We have the space and the soil and the climate in Rhodesia to grow every ounce of this. Yet our whole European population, men, women and children, of all trades, callings and professions, is about 45,000.

Three farthings out of every penny that a Rhodesian spends on manufactured articles goes in British-made goods, and our Customs allow them a 50 % preference. If it was understood that when buying Rhodesian tobacco three-quarters of the money so spent comes back to make work in England, English people would not needlessly pour their money into American pockets. The Rhodesian Railways have lately spent $2\frac{1}{4}$ million sterling on railway materials in England, all in the hard-hit basic industries. Not one foreign nut or bolt was purchased. Yet in a year England sends about eight million sterling to America for tobacco.

When you buy Rhodesian tobacco you give work to British labour in England, you people the waste spaces overseas, you help ex-Service men to earn a living in Rhodesia, you relieve the congestion in the Home Country, and you buy first-rate tobacco.

My advice to you is first to smoke Rhodesia tobacco, and then come to Rhodesia and grow it; we have room and welcome for tens of thousands.

The flag of Rhodesia is the Union Jack.

F. M. COLLINS.

EXTRACTS FROM "THE WART'S BOOK OF NURSERY RHYMES."

Very Carefully Edited by B.D.

III.

WE are nearing now the end of "The Nursery Rhyme Book," and this, the penultimate series of extracts, must be devoted to a late comer to the Nursery—one who had, at all events, written nothing before. Orred, known to his peers as "Bubble," is very much "primus inter pares" as a poet. His lines are full of movement and rhythm, and there are unmistakable breaths of the divine afflatus in some of them. His first poem will make a special appeal to those of the 2nd Battalion condemned to pass any of the hot weather in Nowshera—where I myself joined it in the year of grace '92! It bears as its highly suggestive title:—

"120° IN THE SHADE.

I.

"Hot? Oh! yes, I believe you, it's awful!
All dazzle and glitter and glare.
'Pon my honour, it makes it quite lawful
For white men to swear.

II.

"From the earth the heat seems to strike double,
From the roads a vile glare blinds the eyes;
While to add a fresh pang to man's trouble
Come legions of flies.

III.

"Mosquitoes—great gods! how I hate ye,
As you come with your buzz and your stings!
An ocean of gore would not sate ye,
Ye bloodthirsty things!

IV.

"Bring a peg 'ere I'm driven demented.
A peg! How those words can entice!
Here's a health to the man who invented
Machines to make ice.

V.

"Seductive as woman's caresses,
Hear the clink of the ice on the glass.
Come, tell me what drink earth possesses
A peg can surpass.

VI.

"Yet though pegs from the heat can relieve men,
Still they have no effect on the flies,
So Somnus steps in to relieve men,
And closes their eyes.

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VII.

" Thus for every ill that is sent one
An antidote hidden lies deep ;
E'en in Ind. there is naught to prevent one
From going to sleep."

Then follow two " galloping rhymes," quite worthy of Adam Lindsay Gordon. The heart of the writer was evidently in the right place when the hunt was up!

" GONE AWAY !!

I.

" Hold hard, my young friend! sit still for a moment,
Lest the sport that's beginning be spoilt for the day ;
Take a pull at your girths, get a grip of your saddle,
Count seventy before you halloo ' Gone away!'

II.

" Get your feet in your stirrups, your hat on your forehead,
Get that fiery young chestnut in hand while you may ;
Take a pull at his head—he will want all his powder
When once Will, the huntsman, has heard ' Gone away!'

III.

" Not yet—he has only just broken from cover ;
Keep still till he's settled down well on his way.
See, he's taken the fence, he is half o'er the fallow,
One scream both together and now : ' Gone away! ' "

This is followed by three more stanzas, full of the solid satisfaction that fills the heart of the hunter after a really good day with hounds :—

" BRINGING HIM HOME.

I.

" Home again, my old man! Bring his gruel here, lad.
So there! Give him time, let him swallow it all.
A glorious run! and we've brought home a pad—
Ten miles as the crow flies, and never a fall!

II.

" There isn't his like in the Kingdom, I swear.
No plough that can hold him, no timber too big ;
He covered the water with plenty to spare ;
Where the bullfinch was biggest he touched not a twig!

III.

" He's a mouth that can feel every touch of the rein ;
He's a heart in his body that knows not a fear.
They may bring out their best ones to beat him in vain,
For we'll meet them and beat them each following year."

There are only two other poems from his pen in the collection, of which the first is quite worthy of Thomas Moore, and very reminiscent of his style :—

" THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS.

I.

" O'er a flower hangs a charm which is ever unbroken ;
In its bosom each bud a sweet sentence embowers.
Oh! believe me, there is not a tongue that is spoken
Which can tell half so much as the language of flowers!

II.

" 'Tis well that this language defies all detection :
What secrets could many a flower not disclose.
In a lily can dwell a whole wealth of affection,
And a kiss can lie hid in the heart of a rose."

These two charming stanzas are followed by four more in a different metre, also on flowers, which will appeal to many who have been bored and at the same time put to shame by the latinity of some horticultural enthusiast.

" ANOTHER LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS.

I.

" We are now in wrath protesting 'gainst the practice of investing
All our flowers with Latin titles so confusing that I ween
All the little stock of knowledge that we gained at school or college
Will have to be brought into play to find out what they mean.

II.

" Those for learning who've a leaning can of course extract the meaning,
But then your learned botanist's not always to the fore.
To us dunces it seems silly to invest the rose or lily
With Latin names which whelm us with six syllables or more.

III.

" These high sounding titles vex us ; these long syllables perplex us ;
And our faculties of laughter struggle strongly to expand
When we see the gard'ner stutter as he vainly strives to utter
Names of flowers in a language which he doesn't understand.

IV.

" Oh! why *should* we christen flowers in a tongue that isn't ours.
A rose to us is but a rose : we call a spade a spade.
Curiosity arises, but is lost in vain surmises
As we strive to find the reason why those awful names were made."

The above poems were the final ones recorded of Agra days. Thenceforward the book remained always in the custody of the senior Subaltern of the 2nd Battalion, and no further entries were made till the year 1898, when it was quartered at Portland.

A zealous young Officer of six years' service, whose name (beyond that—as disclosed in his poem—his initials were " J.C.S.") I will not reveal, had, for the sake of his brother Officers' digestions, been assiduous in his efforts to improve the cuisine. His altruistic solicitude met with a discouraging and (I regret to say) somewhat ribald recognition.

He was down at Fort Gomer, putting the recruits through their musketry, when the post one morning brought him a discoloured and strange-looking parcel, which on being opened was found to contain a greasy lump of cooked meat, and the following poem, authorship of which was eventually traced to Braithwaite (F.P. of that ilk), though the handwriting was Rickman's. (I should have said that one of the indictments

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brought by him against the cook's efforts was that he always overcooked chops and steaks, which should, he maintained, be "black outside and red in.")

"SORROWFUL RECOLLECTIONS OF LAST NIGHT'S DINNER.

To the Chef.

I.

"The soup was mud! The fish was bad!
The entrée . . . simply shocking!
The awful garbage you provide
Sets all my vitals rocking.

II.

"The beef . . . Oh, Lord! In future pray
Remember what I've said—
I always like it overcooked
Outside, and inside red.

III.

"The omelette might have been quite good,
But proved a hopeless sham.
I thought you knew how fond I was
Of Jones' strawberry jam.

IV.

"Oh! yes . . . and there's just one thing more—
If you can't cook a spud,
You'll have to take some lessons, sir,
At Skibbereen-on-Mud."

The zealous young Officer's "home-town" (as the Americans say) was Skibbereen, hence the allusion to it. He at once sat down and indited the following rejoinder, which seems to have closed the correspondence. In explanation of the names mentioned in it:—"Riddell" is the late Brig.-General J. F. Riddell; "William" the late Major W. Somervell; "B'waite," Colonel F. P. Braithwaite; and "Sunny," the late Lt.-Col. A. W. Rickman.

TO THE FOUL FEEDERS OF THE FIFTH FUSILIERS. "

I.

"*Dogs to their vomit still return—*
'Tis useless to aspire
To keep a sow but lately washed
From wallowing in the mire.

II.

"Back to your burnt and ruined beef,
Your pastry hewn from rocks,
Which to digest one must acquire
The stomach of an ox!

III.

"Back to eternal mutton chops,
And soup that tastes of glue,
*The centipedal fowls you love—
I wash my hands of you!

* The dismembered fowls that appeared at Mess were apparently mostly legs.

IV.

"Age and experience combined
To Riddell cannot bring
A PALATE (but of course you know
He smokes like anything).

V.

"William is still more hopeless, for
He can't tell tongue from tripe.
How could he? when he mostly lives
By suction, like a snipe.

VI.

"Mere Warts like B'waite should be fed
On *quite* the plainest food;
And sometimes come in to dessert,
When they are *very* good.

VII.

"While Master Sunny's tail should be
Whipped 'ere he goes to bed,
I know not what it is *inside*,
Outside it should be *red*!

L'envoi.

"Now, all you dust-heap garbagers
That root about the ground,
Whose very breath is sudden death
To human life around,

"Give up the smoke—give up the drink—
Your taste you may renew,
And then you'll bless poor J.C.S.
For what he's done for you!"

With this I must close my excerpts from the "Nursery Rhyme Book," and take leave of the indulgent Editor, who, considering that they have been promised to him any time during the course of the last four years, has really shown extraordinary forbearance in the matter. Anthologies are well known to be invidious things to compile, and I feel that an equal amount of consideration for this fact will be necessary from the poets if I am to escape their censure for "errors and omissions." The rescue of some of their work from oblivion, and its presentation to a far wider public than they can have contemplated for it, has been a labour of love, for which I hope to have acquired *some* merit at least. Let me end by quoting to them the old Latin tag, often to be found on school prize books:—

"Forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit,"

which I might freely translate, "The day may yet come when you may get some fun even out of these." I only hope that I may have been the humble instrument to have brought about the dawn of that day.

B. D.

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